



# GOOD SHEPHERD

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

DECEMBER 11, 2022

# Welcome to Good Shepherd

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If this is your first time with us, we are especially glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters regarding the location of the nursery, restrooms, or just a cup of coffee!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will offer some explanations and hopefully help you participate. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered as we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel each week. We gather not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter and covenant renewal with God. Therefore, our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond.

We also hope that you will join us after the service. Downstairs in the fellowship hall you will find plenty of refreshments and snacks as well as a warm welcome from our church family. If you have any questions from the sermon you can return to the sanctuary about 15 minutes after the service for our *Ask the Pastor* time. This is a great place to process the wonderful truths of the Gospel that we proclaim.

Lastly, we would love to know that you were here this morning. In the backs of the pews there is an info sheet that you can fill out and put in the offering basket during the service. Don't worry, we won't bombard you with endless emails. We just want an opportunity to say hello. If there is any way that we can pray for you, or if you have questions about the church, you can write those on the back as well.

Wherever you are this morning, our hope is that God would attend to the ministry of His Word, and that you would know the love of your blessed Savior.



## A Word to Parents with Young Children

First, we want you to know that we are delighted to have your children in worship with us this morning. There is nothing better that we can give our children than the opportunity to know and worship their Heavenly Father. Any noises that they may make are not an embarrassing distraction, but a beautiful reminder that they are participating in God's means of grace.

We do understand, however, that it is sometimes helpful to have other means of serving our children and families. Through the back doors of the sanctuary you will find a **cry room** if you have little ones that are getting fussy or who need to nurse. We also have an **overflow room** with a live-stream of the service in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Lastly, we have a **nursery** downstairs for children ages 0-3. Staff in the nursery are background checked and trained.

# Order of Worship

## Preparation

*We invite you to take a few moments this morning to prayerfully prepare to meet with and worship the living God.*

Preparatory Thought.....

“For when you assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction at which he aims is prevented by the unity of your faith.” (Ignatius of Antioch)

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

## Praise

Call to Worship\*.....Isaiah 42:5-7

**Leader:** Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Prayer of Adoration\*.....

Hymn #193\*.....*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

*God's people come because he first calls them. We open our services this way as a reminder that it is God himself who is calling us into his presence this morning.*

\*please stand if able

# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Unison

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on  
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard  
4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,  
on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth  
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to  
in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to  
from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of  
as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.  
all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

# Renewal

*The Word of God is always sufficient to do the work of God. Therefore, each week we continue the practice of God's people listening to the public reading of scripture.*

*While it is right for us to confess our sins in light of God's holiness, our forgiveness is not merited through this act or the absolution of a priest. Rather, it is Christ who saves and speaks through His Word to assure us that our sin has been pardoned.*

*If you are visiting with us there is no expectation for you to contribute to this morning's offering. For those who are giving we remember that we are called to joyful worship of the God who continues to give us all that we need in Christ.*

Corporate Reading of Scripture.....*Isaiah 11:1-10 (p. 575)*

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

**Congregation:** O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon.....*1 John 5:11-13*

**Leader:** And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.

Offering/Choir.....*O Holy Night*

Congregational Prayer.....

## Proclamation

Hymn #216\* ..... *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon..... Rev. Neil Quinn

""Zechariah's Benedictus""  
*Luke 1:67-80 (p. 856)*

## Response

Celebration of the Lord's Supper.....

Choir..... *In the Manger*

Hymn #731\* ..... *Doxology*

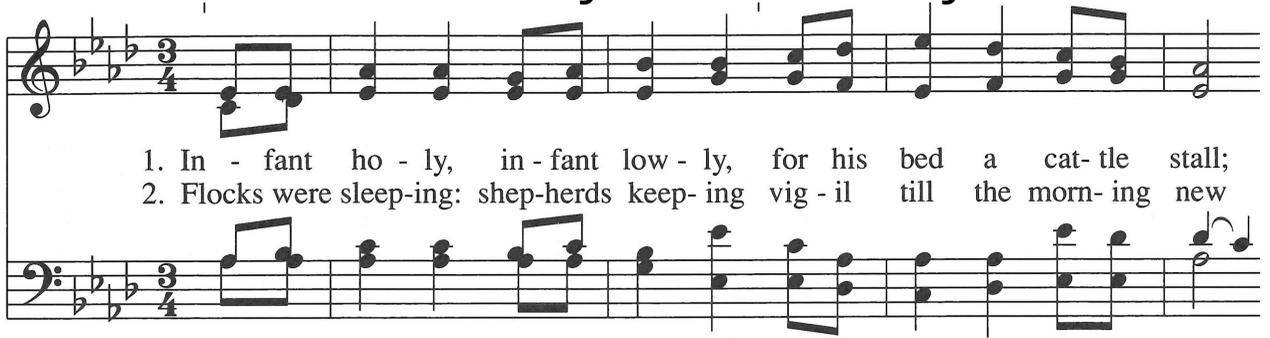
Benediction\*.....

Postlude.....

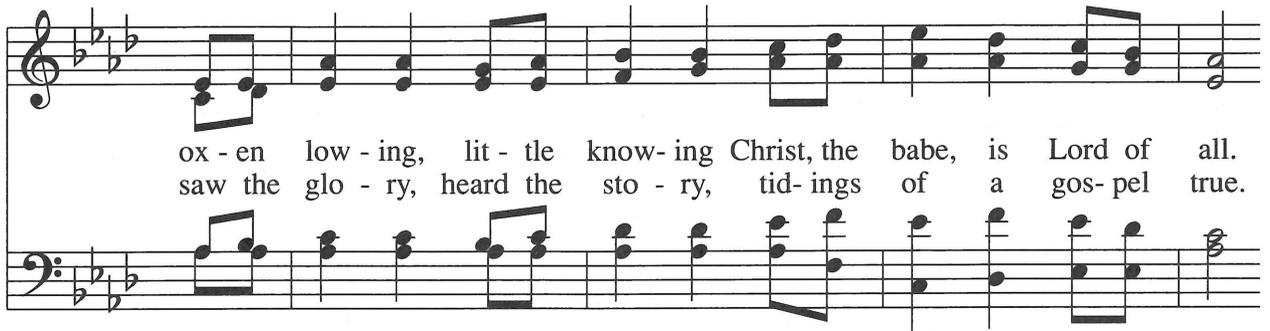
*Each week, we preach, verse  
by verse through books of the  
Bible so that we are  
instructed by the full counsel  
of God, rather than whatever  
the preacher deems most  
important.*

*We celebrate the Lord's  
Supper every week trusting  
that our Lord is truly,  
spiritually present  
nourishing His people. If you  
are a member of a local  
church, have been baptized,  
and believe that you are  
saved by grace through faith,  
then we welcome you to  
participate with us.*

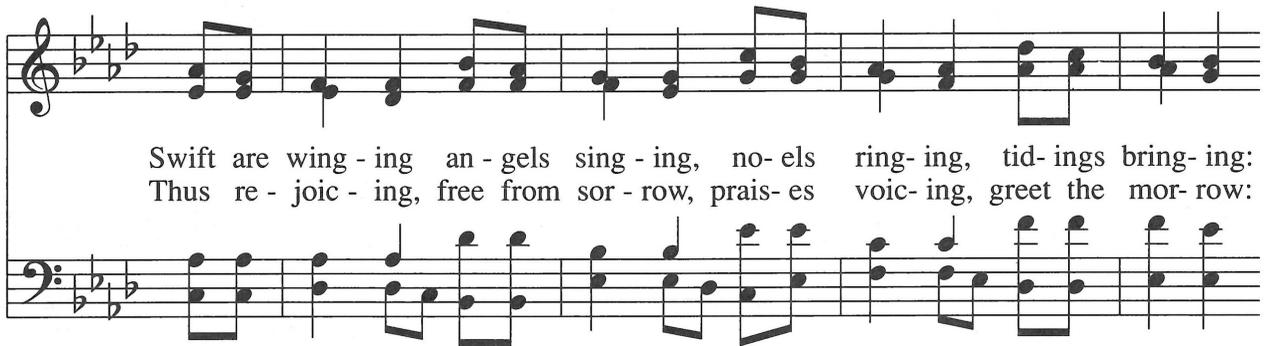
# Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



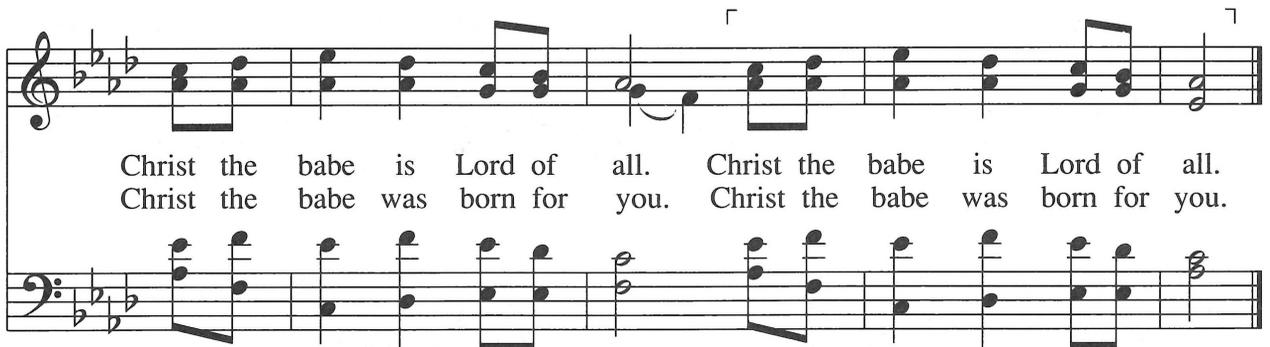
1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
2. Flocks were sleep - ing: shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

# Sermon Outline

"Zechariah's Benedictus"

*Luke 1:67–80 (p. 856)*

Big Idea—*Christians sing to shine light upon a world lost in darkness.*

***Introduction: Can Faith Remain Private?***

***Faith Sings in Public***

***The Song of Faith Proclaims Freedom***

***The Song of Faith Proclaims Forgiveness***

***Conclusion: Join the Choir and Shine as You Sing***

# Sermon Notes

# Doxology

Γ G D Em Bm Em D G 7

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

D Em C G D Em D G D G C D G

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

Γ D G Em D Am G D G 7 C G

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



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## Announcements

- We will be hosting a joint **Christmas Eve service** with Community OPC at **7:00pm**
- **Presbytery middle school retreat** on 1/13-15 and **high school** on 2/3-5, will be held at Cran Hill Ranch. Contact Ryan Potter for more information if interested.

## Financials

- Total Giving through Oct. (\$203,042)
- Total Expenses through Oct. (\$199,927)
- Welcome Home Contributions (\$37,784)

## Get Involved

- Join us after the service for our **Ask the Pastor** time where you can follow up on the sermon or ask other Bible and faith questions you may have.
- **Fellowship groups** meet every other week. Please contact Pastor Ryan if interested.
- **Senior and Junior High** students are invited to attend our weekly catechism class after service in the upstairs classrooms.
- **Young Adults** meet every Wednesday for fellowship and a sermon discussion.
- **Men's Bible Study** groups meet weekly in the morning and evening time slots.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets on alternating Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm in the church Fellowship Hall.
- **The choir** practices every Tuesday at 7pm.