



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

DECEMBER 18, 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.....

“A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes – and is completely dependent on the fact that the door of freedom has to be opened from the outside, is not a bad picture of Advent” – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

Call to Worship*Daniel 2:20b-23a

Leader: Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might...

Prayer of Adoration*.....

Hymn #203**Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

*please stand if able

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.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

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Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

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.

Renewal

Corporate Reading of Scripture.....*Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 599)*

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon..... *1 Peter 1:3-5*

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Offering/Song.....*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*

Baptism.....

Congregational Prayer.....

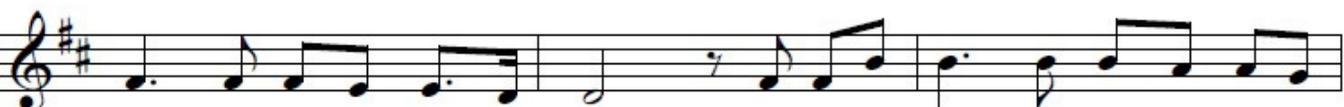
Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er, there is no more for hea - ven now to
2. The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en, for by my side the Sav - ior he will
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture sure, the price it has been
4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has said that he will bring me



give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness, and free - dom, my stead - fast
stay. I lab - or on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing, for in my
paid for Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don, and he was
home. And day by day I know he will re - new me un - til I



love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly
need his pow - er is dis - played. To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de -
raised to ov - er - throw the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been de -
stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly



Je - sus, for my life is whol - ly bound to his. Oh how
fend me, through the deep - est val - ley he will lead. Oh the
feat - ed. Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea. Oh the
Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to him. When the



strange and di - vine, I can sing, "All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me."
night has been won, and I shall ov - er - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
chains are re - leased, I can sing, "I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me."
race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat, "Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

*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.*

Proclamation

Hymn #715**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Neil Quinn

*""The Angels' Gloria""
Luke 2:13-14 (p. 857)*

Response

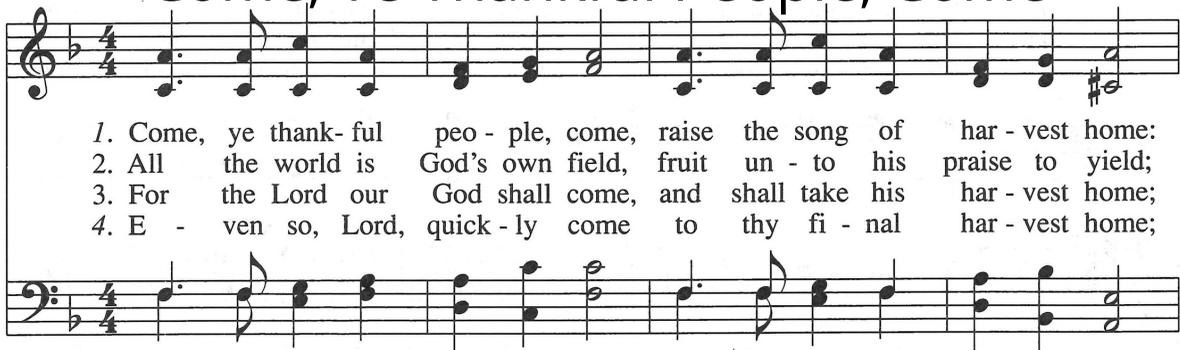
Celebration of the Lord's Supper.....

Hymn #218**Angels From the Realms of Glory*

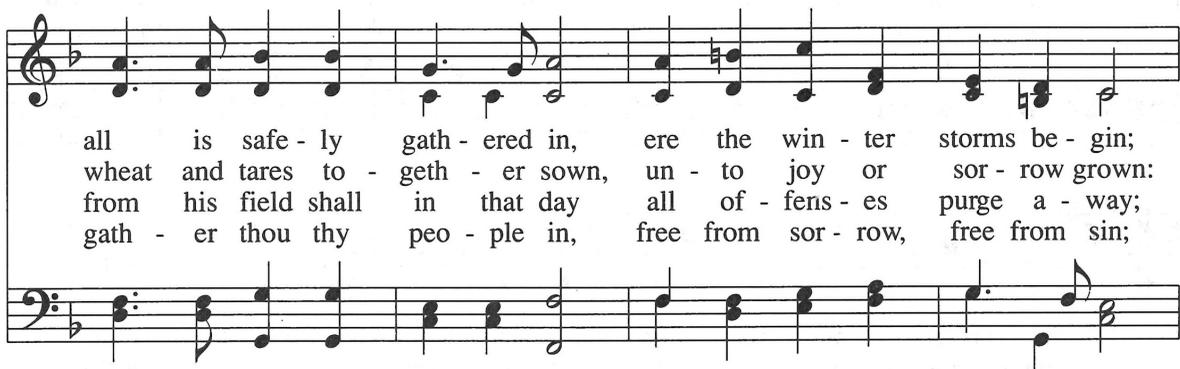
Benediction*

Postlude.....

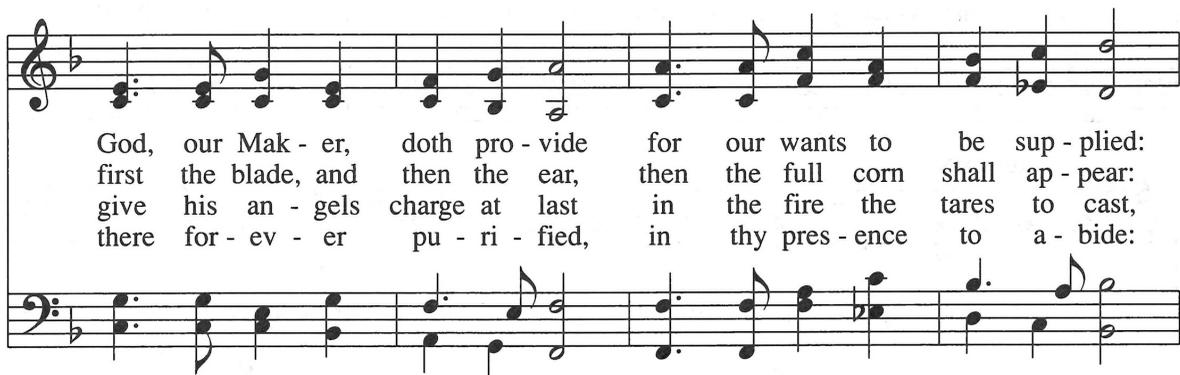
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



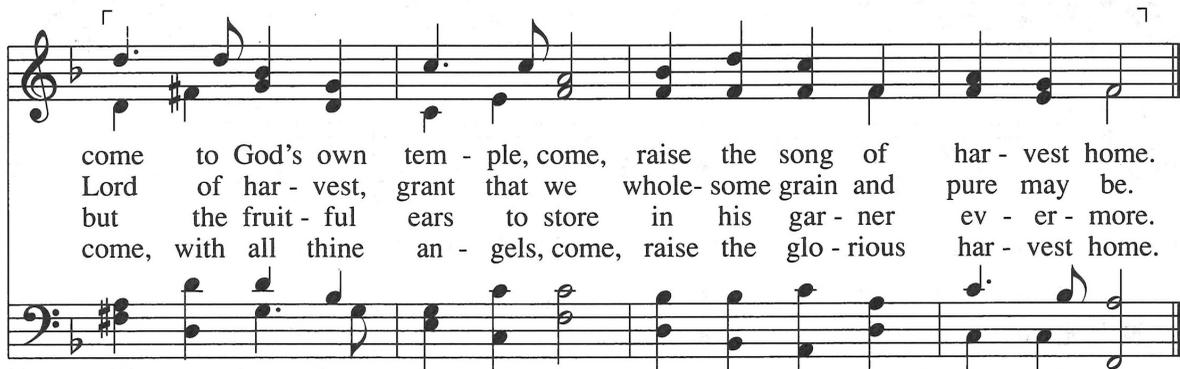
1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home:
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home;



all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied:
first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear:
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

Sermon Outline

"The Angels' Gloria"

Luke 2:13-14 (p. 857)

Big Idea—*Christmas is about worship.*

Introduction: As It Is in Heaven

What the Earth Learns from Heaven's Song

- 1. We were made to worship.*
- 2. Worship is a supernatural reality.*
- 3. In public worship, earth ascends to heaven.*
- 4. The gospel produces praise as it makes peace.*

Conclusion: Worship and Make Worshippers

Sermon Notes

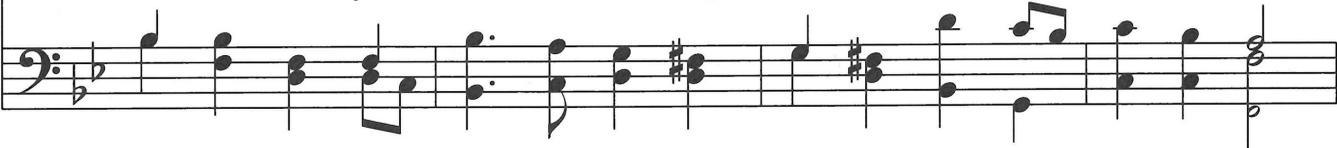
Angels From the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep- herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:



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Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.



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Announcements

- We will be hosting a joint **Christmas Eve service** with Community OPC at **7:00pm**
- There will be a **congregational meeting** after the morning service on **1/29/23**.
- **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.