



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

DECEMBER 24, 2023

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.....

While the incarnation is certainly different from all other revelation, it is also akin to it: it is its climax, crown, and completion. All revelation tends toward and groups itself around the incarnation as the highest, richest, and most perfect act of self-revelation. - Herman Bavinck

Prelude..... *O Holy Night (Hear the Gospel Story)*

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

Call to Worship*.....Philippians 4:4-7

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.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Adoration*.....

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

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.

Renewal

Corporate Reading of Scripture.....Isaiah 52:7-10 (p. 613)

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....Ephesians 1:3-6

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Offering/Choir.....*Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heavens*

Congregational Prayer.....

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.

In the Manger

1. See, rest - ing soft - ly in Beth - le - hem's man - ger,
2. King in the man - ger with - out an - y splen - dor,
3. Priest in the man - ger who now sym - pa - thiz - es,
4. God in the man - ger who some - how is sleep - ing,

there is a Sav - ior as God had long sworn.
gave up the rich - es and yield - ed the crown.
wear - ing our na - ture and clothed in dis - grace.
lulled by the sing - ing of an - gels a - bove,

Might - y Mes - si - ah, to keep us from dan - ger,
These are the least that our King will sur - ren - der:
O what a mys - t'ry that ev - 'ry saint priz - es:
holds all the world with His un - fail - ing keep - ing,

now, come in weak - ness, is fi - nal - ly born.
res - cu - ing re - bels, He'll lay His life down.
why would this Priest come and die in our place?
holds all my heart with His un - fail - ing love.

Words: Jonathan Landry Cruse, 2022

Music: IN THE MANGER | Josh Bauder, 2022

*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

Song**In the Manger*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Neil Quinn

"To Seek and Save the Lost"

Luke 19:10 (p. 878)

Response

Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Hymn #195**Joy to the World*

Benediction*

Postlude.....

**To allow full participation for all members, the Lord's Supper is served with gluten free bread.

Sermon Outline

"To Seek and Save the Lost"

Luke 19:10 (p. 878)

Big Idea— *Jesus came into the world to seek and save the lost.*

Introduction: The Little Man the Lord Saw

Jesus Came to *Seek* the Lost

Jesus Came to *Save* the Lost

Conclusion: The Call of the Cross

Sermon Notes

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

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Announcements

- Now through the end of the year, we are collecting donations to **purchase bibles** to gift the students at the **Youth for Christ City Center**. If you would like to give, please use the memo "YFC Bibles" on your check or when giving online.
- Please join us as we host a joint **Christmas Eve service** with Community OPC at **5pm**.
- As we approach the end of the year, please confirm that your email and mailing addresses are correct on ChurchTrac. If you have any questions, please contact the church admin by email.
- Our next **men's breakfast** will be held on **1/20** from **8-9:30am**.
- Presbytery-wide **retreats** for our **middle and high school students** will be held in **February**. More details and registration instructions will be announced when available. Please contact Pastor Ryan if you are interested in more information.

Financials

- Total Giving through Nov 2023 (\$284,617)
- Total Expenses through Nov 2023 (\$278,044)
- Welcome Home Fund (\$49,019)

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 regularly. Contact Pastor Ryan if you are interested in joining a group.
- **Seniors** meet in the fellowship hall on the first Friday of each month from 12pm-2pm. Contact Larry Warner if you have any questions.
- **Young Adults** meet every Wednesday for fellowship and a sermon discussion.
- **Men's Bible Study** groups meet weekly in the morning and evening.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets on alternating Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm and on alternating Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30 in the church Fellowship Hall.
- **The choir** meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm.