

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Lighting of the Christ Candle

† *Pastor:* Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Lord has come!

O come, let us adore Him!

His name shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

He is Emmanuel, God with us.

He is the Prince of Peace, Lord of lords, and King of kings!

Let us exalt His name together.



Lift up your hearts...

We lift them up to the Lord!

† COLLECT & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our debts,

as we have forgiven our debtors

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory

Forever, Amen.

† Congregational Singing

The First Noel—248-49

OUR LORD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.

For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?

So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits.

Matthew 7:13-20



AN INVITATION TO CONFESS
OUR SINS

† The congregation is invited to stand

‡ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

We Confess Our Sins, Together & Individually

Heavenly Father, continue being merciful to us and forgive us our sins. We confess that we have not delighted in Your Word as we should. We confess that our lives have not been inclined to Your commandments. We confess our sin of attending to that which is worthless, instead of faithfully pursuing Your ways; in this, we neglect You, the fountain of living waters. In all our sin, we have fallen short of Your glory. Grant us Your mercy and grace so that we may forsake our sins. Hear us now as we confess these sins to You...

[we pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

O Lord, we give You thanks for Your kindness and abundant pardon; provided through Your Son who has died for us, taking the penalty which was our due, and You have received us in Him. Now grant, most merciful Lord, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, and this to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God*—415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared
“In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit”
“Thanks be to God!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*—insert



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

OUR LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

**Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament**
Isaiah 7:10-16

**Scripture Lesson from
the New Testament**
Hebrews 2:14-18

“This is the Word of the Lord”
“Thanks be to God!”

† **Gospel Lesson**—Matthew 1:18-25

“This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ”
“Praise be to Christ!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text

Joshua 3

Sermon

Liturgical Warfare (Part 2)
Pastor Steve Jeffery

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Good Christian Men, Rejoice* —238

‡ The congregation is invited to kneel

† The congregation is invited to stand

IN GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Doxology*
As the offering is brought forward, we lift our hearts, hands, and voices in thankful praise...

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

OUR LORD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE

We Confess Our Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

† *Pastor*: Christians, in whom do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty; maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hades.**

**On the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.**

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
The communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We commune with the Lord & with one another

After the Eucharist - A Table Blessing

† *Pastor*: May the body and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life eternal. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*—234-35

OUR LORD COMMISSIONS US

Prayers for & Blessing of the Children

† Benediction & Singing

Doxology from *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (p. 247)

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to Thee,
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

TODAY

Prayers for & Blessing of the Children – Toward the end of our service, children around the ages of 12 or 13 will be invited forward for a special time of prayer. Please prepare your children for this time.

FORUM – After worship you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for some coffee, fellowship, and Q&A. During this time, Pastors Niell and Jeffery will lead an informal Q&A time giving an opportunity for further discussion about the service and sermon. We'll finish at 1:30 p.m. with some quick clean-up.

Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth – Two more Sundays left!



During Advent we will be gathering items to support the Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth. Particular items of need this year are diapers (sizes 1-6), baby wipes, baby shampoo, lotion, and diaper cream. Of course items like car seats, strollers, baby blankets, baby clothes, pack n' plays, and new mom gifts are always welcome. Please see the email from Mr. Nate Douglas that details further specific and pressing needs from PHC. Donations can be placed in the back corner of the foyer by the main entrance.



CHRISTMAS – According to the Church calendar, *Christmas* is celebrated from December 25th through January 5th, and these are “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” During the Christmas season we acknowledge the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the nations, and proclaim Him as the Messiah, the Promised One, and the King of kings. In this, we acknowledge the incarnation, the wonderful reality that God has taken on human flesh and has done so as a demonstration of His glory and to accomplish salvation for mankind: the One who is both God and man – Jesus Christ – has come, and He will accomplish all the will of the Father. The Light of the world has come, is present and shining, and is dispelling the darkness throughout the world. The color for the Christmas season is white.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ◆ Gloria Sancta – January 5-8 in Athens, TX
- ◆ Fellowship Meal – Sunday, January 9 after worship
- ◆ All Saints in Prayer – Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Summer Sanctus, **NEW DATES** – June 13-16, 2022

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day at All Saints, and we warmly invite to the Lord's Table all who are baptized disciples of the Lord Jesus, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church, and this includes covenant children. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the overseers of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being an active member of a congregation which belongs to the Triune God and is marked by the Word and sacraments. If you have any questions about your participation, please speak to one of the elders before or after the service.

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The First Noel

THE FIRST NOWELL (Irregular)

Traditional English carol

from William Sandys' *Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern*, 1833

English carol from Davies Gilbert's

Some Ancient Christmas Carols, 1823

1. The first No - el the an - gel did say Was to
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing
 3. *And by the light of that same star Three*
 4. *This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er*
 5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, Full
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
 in the east, be - yond them far; And to the
 Wise Men came from coun - try far; To seek for a
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And there it
 rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, And of - fered
 prais - es to our heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that
 earth it gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both
 King was their in - tent, And to fol - low the star where
 did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where
 there, in His pres - ence, Their gold and myrrh and
 heav'n and earth of naught, And with His blood man -

was so deep.
 day and night.
 ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No - el, No -
 Je - sus lay.
 frank - in - cense.
 kind hath bought.

el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

From a melody by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1704
adapted, Harold W. Gilbert

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence: and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it."

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star

1. How love-ly shines the Morning Star! The na-tions see and
2. Now rich-ly to my wait-ing heart, O thou, my God, deign
3. Thou, mighty Fa-ther, in thy Son didst love me ere thou

King of grace, for thee my heart is pin - ing.
in the tree, thy life my life sup - ply - ing.
him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.

4
hail a - far the light in Ju - dah shin - ing. Thou
to im - part the grace of love un - dy - ing. In
hadst be - gun this an - cient world's foun - da - tion. Thy

Low - ly, ho - ly, great and glo - rious, thou vic - to - rious
Sigh - ing, cry - ing, for the sa - vor of thy fa - vor;
What bliss is this! He that liv - eth to me giv - eth

7
Da - vid's son of Ja - cob's race, my bride - groom and my
thy blest bod - y let me be, e'en as the branch is
Son hath made a friend of me, and when in spir - it

Prince of grac - es, fill - ing all the heav'n - ly plac - es.
rest - ing nev - er till I rest in thee for - ev - er.
life for - ev - er; noth - ing me from him can sev - er.

Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (Irreg.)
Charles Meineke, 1844

2nd century

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first system of musical notation for 'Gloria Patri'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the'. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with chords and some moving lines.

Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics: 'Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The third and final system of musical notation. The treble staff concludes the vocal line with lyrics: 'shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.'. The bass staff concludes the piano accompaniment with a final chord.

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO (6 6. 7 7. 7 8. 5 5)

German melody, 14th century

harm. Michael Praetorius, 1607; alt.

Latin carol, 14th century
tr. John Mason Neale, 1853

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice _____ With heart and soul and voice;—
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice _____ With heart and soul and voice;—
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice _____ With heart and soul and voice;—

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.
 He hath oped the heav'n - ly door; And man is blessed for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

GOD REST YE MERRY (8 6. 8 6. 8 6. 8 4 8)
English melody, 18th century

English carol, 18th century

1. God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. In Beth - le - hem, in Is - ra - el, this bless - ed Babe was born,
3. *From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came,*
4. *"Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you a - fright;*
5. The shep - herds at those ti - dings re - joic - ed much in mind,
6. Now to the Lord sing prais - es all you with - in this place,

Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas Day,
And laid with - in a man - ger up - on this bless - ed morn;
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought ti - dings of the same;
This day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
And left their flocks a - feed - ing in tem - pest, storm and wind,
And with true love and broth - er - hood each oth - er now em - brace;

To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
The which His moth - er Mar - y did noth - ing take in scorn.
How that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
To free all those who trust in Him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
And went to Beth - le - hem straight - way this bless - ed Babe to find.
This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all oth - ers doth de - face.

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy;

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.