

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023

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 people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

There will come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse; and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

Isaiah 9:2 & 60:1



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**

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing—236-237

OUR LORD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

The LORD is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His deeds.

The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them.

The LORD keeps all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

Psalm 145:17-21



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: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*—244



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
Job 38:1-11

Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

“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
Luke 1:26-38

Sermon
Everything and Nothing
Pastor Jeff Niell

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Angels We Have Heard on High*—230

‡ 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

Let Us Confess a Portion of Our Faith: 1 Timothy 3:16

† *Pastor:* We join to confess the great mystery of godliness:

**God was revealed in the flesh,
Vindicated by the Spirit,
Seen by the angels,
Proclaimed among the nations,
Believed in the world,
Taken up in glory.**

Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us:
Therefore let us keep the feast!

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We commune with the Lord & with one another

The Lord's Supper should not be observed in individual homes.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *What Child Is This*—250

OUR LORD COMMISSIONS US

Prayer for and 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



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.

Prayer for and Blessing of the Children – Just before the end of our service, we will invite the children (about 12 and younger) forward for a special time of prayer, encouragement, and blessing.

THIS WEEK

No Midweek at All Saints. Midweek resumes January 10, 2024

NEXT SUNDAY

Send-off Reception in the Fellowship Hall for families joining Christ Covenant Granbury.



PLEASE NOTE

Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth – Giving Response

During Advent and through Epiphany we will be gathering items to support the Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth. Particular items of need this year - for babies: diapers, baby wash, pacifiers, baby toys & books, and baby clothes; for moms: Bibles, socks, chapstick, maternity clothes, lotion, and gift cards for gas or food. Strollers and playpens are always great as well. Donations can be placed in the back corner of the foyer by the main entrance. Final day to bring in items is Sunday, January 7th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 21 – Installation of New Deacons – Plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for a reception celebrating God’s provision of additional servant leaders.

February 4 – Fellowship Meal – Monthly Fellowship Meals are coming back at ASPC! Mark your calendars for the first Sunday of every month. Plan to join us for this festive church-wide potluck! Details to come.

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Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN (7777.7777.77)
 Felix Mendelssohn, 1840
 arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

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. *Come, De - sire of na - tions, come, Fix in us Thy hum - ble home;*
 4. Ad - am's like - ness, Lord, ef - face, Stamp Thine im - age in its place:
 5. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous - 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 a vir - gin's womb.
Rise, the wom - an's con - qu'ring Seed, Bruise in us the ser - pent's head.
 Sec - ond Ad - am from a - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love.
 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,
Now dis - play Thy sav - ing pow'r, Ru - ined na - ture now re - store;
 Let us Thee, though lost, re - gain, Thee, the Life, the in - ner man:
 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.
Now in mys - tic un - ion join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.
 O, to all Thy - self im - part, Formed in each be - liev - ing heart.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

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

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."

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. 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.

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA (7 7. 7 7. Ref.)

French carol

arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

French carol

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
 Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De - o!

Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De - o!

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES (8 7. 8 7. 6 8. 6 7)
English melody, 16th century

Traditional English carol, before 1642
adapted by William Chatterton Dix, c. 1865

1. What Child is this, who laid to rest On Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to own Him;

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him.

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you.
Raise, raise a song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.

Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y!