

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Fairmont Presbyterian Church nurtures and guides people to live inspired lives.

January 1, 2023

10:30am

1st Sunday of Christmas

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Brian Maguire

Prelude

Puer Nobis

Franklin Ritter

Call to Worship (Hebrews 2: 14-18)

Leader: Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

People: and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

Leader: For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham.

People: Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

Leader: Because he himself was tested by what he suffered; he is able to help those who are being tested. Come and let us worship our Messiah who saves us.

Hymn 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

In Dulci Jubilo

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice

with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Child of Bethlehem, you come to us as one of us sharing our burdens and knowing us as we truly are. We cannot hide our doubts, fears, shame, and pride from you. Yet we fail to follow your summons and live into the promise of your new life. Forgive us our sin and transform our lives that we may share in your saving work and live a new life in you...(time for silent prayer)...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*
verse 1

Gloria

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

Passing of Christ's Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Time with Children

Loralei Harding

Anthem

My Jesus I Love Thee
Coleman Clark, soloist

Featherston, Forrest

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth.

People: **In Him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.**

Leader: Come to us now by the power of your Spirit to reveal your truth and illumine our lives.

People: **We ask this in the name of our teacher, the Christ, Jesus. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:1-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Outsiders

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Divinum Mysterium

1 Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega;
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

2 By his Word was all created;
he commanded; it was done:
heaven and earth and depths of ocean,
universe of three in one,
all that sees the moon's soft shining,
all that breathes beneath the sun,
evermore and evermore!

3 O, that birth forever blessed
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

4 This is he whom seers in old time
chanted of with one accord,
whom the voices of the prophets
promised in their faithful word.
Now he shines, the long-expected.
Let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!

5 O ye heights of heaven, adore him.
Angel hosts, his praises sing.
Powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent;
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

6 Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore! Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Doxology *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Invitation and Prayer of Discipleship

Anthem

Do You Hear?
Coleman Clark, *soloist*

Harry Simeone

Sacrament of Holy Communion (*unison responses in bold*)

Invitation to the Table

We Call Upon the Lord

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We Give Thanks to God for all that God Has Done

. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn 552

Holy, Holy, Holy

Land of Rest

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might, heaven and earth are full of your Glory. Hosanna in highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We Remember Christ's Sacrifice for Us

. . . Great is the Mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We Ask God to be Present with Us in the Sharing of This Meal

Pastoral Prayer (concluding with the 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 forgive 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.

We Remember How Jesus Instituted this Meal

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- I Corinthians 11:23-26

We Share Together in the Sacrament

Prayer After Communion (in unison)

We thank you O God that through Word and Sacrament you have shared with us life and belonging in your Covenant through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Strengthen us

by these your gifts so at that we may courageously live into the fullness of our identity as your children. Amen

Hymn 118

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Christmas

1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around,
and glory shone around.

2 “Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind:
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind,
to you and humankind.

3 “To you, in David’s town this day,
is born of David’s line
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign,
and this shall be the sign:

4 “The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all humbly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid,
and in a manger laid.”

5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song,
addressed their joyful song:

6 “All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven
begin and never cease,
begin and never cease!”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Regent Square

Charles Callahan

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Within the Fellowship

For prayer concerns or if you would like to be part of the Email Prayer Chain Team, please contact:
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Announcements

Church Office will be closed tomorrow Monday, January 2, 2023.

No Connections this week.

No Bible Study this week.

Theology on Tap will meet in-person at Eudora Brewing Company (3022 Wilmington Pike) 5:00 p.m. this Friday, January 6, 2023.

132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, 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 has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the 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!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan
 2 By his Word was all cre - at - ed; he com-mand-ed; it
 3 O, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full
 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one
 5 O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him. An - gel hosts, his prais -
 6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga; he the
 was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean, u - ni -
 of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the
 ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom-ised
 es sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex -
 to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un -



source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 verse of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft
 Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's Re -
 in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -
 tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 wea - ried prais - es be. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 shin - ing, all that breathes be - neath the sun,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed. Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,
 si - lent; ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

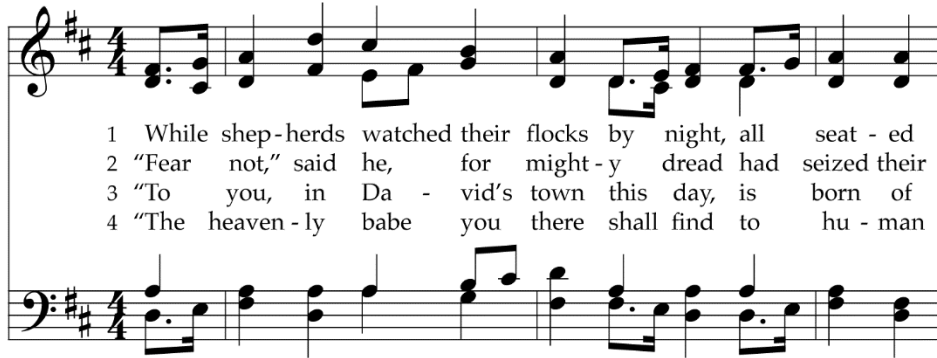
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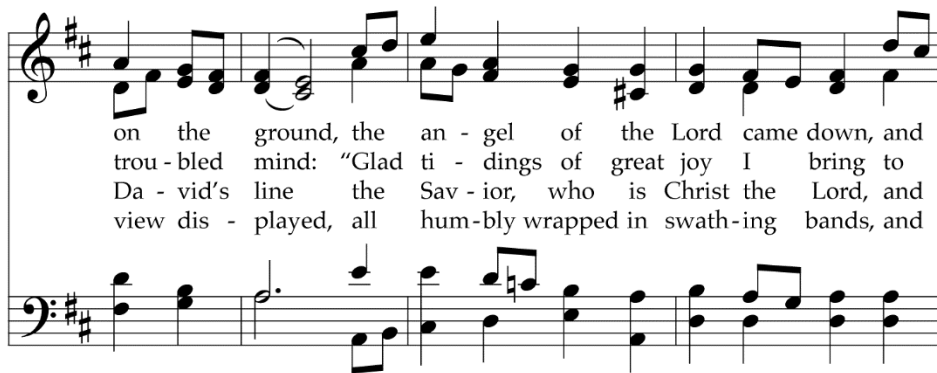
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages.

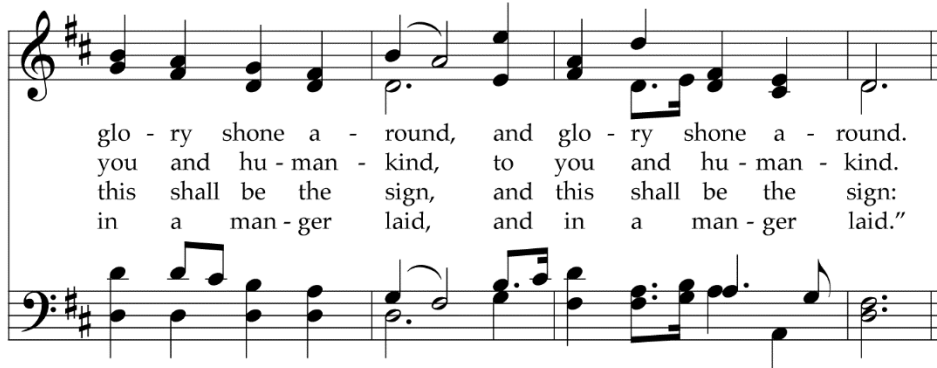
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 118



1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed
 2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their
 3 "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is born of
 4 "The heaven - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man



on the ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down, and
 trou - bled mind: "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring to
 Da - vid's line the Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord, and
 view dis - played, all hum-bly wrapped in swath-ing bands, and



glo - ry shone a - round, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 you and hu - man - kind, to you and hu - man - kind.
 this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:
 in a man - ger laid, and in a man - ger laid."

- 5 Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith
 appeared a shining throng
 of angels praising God, who thus
 addressed their joyful song,
 addressed their joyful song:
- 6 "All glory be to God on high,
 and to the earth be peace;
 good will to all from highest heaven
 begin and never cease,
 begin and never cease!"

The publication of this text in the late 17th century marked an important moment in the transition from the older practice of psalm-singing to the newer style of hymn-singing. This tune was not originally written for church use but was derived from an operatic aria.