

First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Second Sunday of Christmas

Digital Contemporary Service

January 3, 2021



CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven

Paul Baloche

Verse 1

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Verse 2

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Chorus

King of Heaven come down
King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day
King of Heaven come
King of Heaven rise up
Who can stand against us

You are strong to save
In Your mighty name King of Heaven come

Interlude
Oh oh

Verse 3
Christ by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King the newborn King

Ending
King of Heaven come King of Heaven come
King of Heaven come King of Heaven come
King of Heaven come down
King of Heaven come now
Let Your glory reign shining like the day
King of Heaven come

Here in Your Presence

Jon Egan

Verse
Found in Your hands fullness of joy
Every fear suddenly wiped away
Here in Your Presence
All of my gains now fade away
Every crown no longer on display
Here in Your Presence

Pre-Chorus
Heaven is trembling in awe of Your wonders
The kings and their kingdoms are standing amazed

Chorus
Here in Your Presence
We are undone
Here in Your Presence

Heaven and earth become one
Here in Your Presence
All things are new
Here in Your Presence
Ev'rything bows before You

Bridge
Wonderful beautiful glorious
Matchless in ev'ry way

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PASSING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

Winter Snow

Chris Tomlin

Erica and Mark Simmons

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, we confess to you that we come into 2021 as a weary and anxious people. We have gladly closed the door on a troubled and traumatic year, but we know that we drag our brokenness behind us, and that the mere turning of a calendar page is no guarantee of a new creation. And yet, in Jesus Christ, you still come to dwell among us with your abiding promise of renewal and redemption, and to enlist us in works of compassion, justice, and peace. Light of the world, shine on in the midst of our darkness. Guide us, comfort us, instruct us, and strengthen us, so that we may show your love to the world in all we are and all we do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:3-14

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Simmons

“Coming Into Our Own”

SONG OF PRAISE

Come Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Nathan Jess

Verse 1
Come Lord Jesus quickly come
Come and heal I pray
In the shelter of Your love
Let me see Your face

Chorus
Ever faithful always good
Lover of my soul
Come unto the children lost
Make Your people whole

Verse 2
Come Lord Jesus quickly come
I am longing still
Overwhelm my heart with love
Moved to do Your will

Mid-Section
Awake my soul
Come like the thunder
O gentle whisper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to
give you thanks and praise...

As our Savior Christ has taught us,
so now we pray:

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. (Refrain)

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. (Refrain)

SONG OF PRAISE

Shine, Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

Chorus

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land
With the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations
With grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord
And let there be light

Verse 1

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Verse 2

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me

Verse 3

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE