First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem

Third Sunday of Advent

Contemporary Service



December 12, 2021

CONGREGATIONAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Child of Love **Andrew Bergthold**

Verse 1
I was walking the wayside
Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life
Try'n to satisfy my soul

Verse 2
All the lies I believed in
Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven
And I've never been the same

Chorus
I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love

Verse 3
I've felt the sting of the fire
But I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over
You broke me out of the grave

Interlude
Yeah yeah oh
I am a child of love
Yeah oh
I am a child of love

Bridge
Nothing can change the way You love me
Nothing can change the way I belong to You
Yes I do
Nothing can separate

Interlude 2
I'm gonna climb a mountain
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I am a child of love

Chorus
I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love

Ending
Oh yeah oh
I am a child of love
I am a child of love

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus **Meredith Andrews**

Intro
Oh oh oh
Oh oh oh

Verse 1
Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of ev'ry nation
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

Interlude
Oh oh oh
Oh oh oh

Verse 2
Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Bridge
You draw the hearts of shepherds
You draw the hearts of kings
Even as a baby
You were changing ev'rything
You called me to Your kingdom
Before Your lips could speak
And even as a baby
You were reaching out for me

And now we are awaiting
The day of Your return
When ev'ry eye will see You
As heaven comes to earth
Until the sky is opened
Until the trumpet sounds
The bride is getting ready
The Church is singing out

Verse 3
Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Come Thou long expected King

CALL TO WORSHIP

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING — Amanda Gerrity and family

Leader: We wait for the coming of the Lord, who brings joy to the world!
People: Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing!
Leader: Joy is feeling found when you thought you were lost.
People: Joy is making it home when the journey is long.
Leader: So today we light the Candle of Joy, for the welcome that God has for us is one of pure joy.
People: We rejoice that we are close to home. Let us worship God!

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING RESPONSE — #9

O Come, O Come Emmanuel **VENI EMMANUEL**

3 O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory In The Highest **Chris Tomlin**

Verse 1
You are the first
You go before
You are the last
Lord You're the encore
Your name's in lights for all to see
The starry hosts declare Your glory

Chorus
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest

Verse 2
Apart from You
There is no God
Light of the world
The bright and morning star
Your name will shine for all to see
You are the One
You are my glory

Bridge
And no one else
Could ever compare to You Lord
All the earth together declare

Chorus 2
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest to You Lord
(REPEAT)

Verse 3
The heavenly host proclaim Your birth
Glory to God and peace beyond the earth
Your name is near Emmanuel
God with us here
God pleased with us to dwell

Chorus
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, we know that the church is yours, the house of the Lord, and your house has room for everyone. Yet, too often, instead of setting the table for our neighbors, we judge others by our own standards. Instead of sharing our second coat, we hide it away, holding on to fear instead of letting go with love. Forgive us, Lord, and remind us that your home is a home for all, that truth requires hard work, that truth requires uncomfortable justice. Help us to be bold enough to see it and brave enough to live it.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 3:7-18 Amanda Gerrity

SERMON "Close to Home: A Full House" The Rev. J.C. Austin

SONG OF PRAISE

In The Bleak Midwinter — **Traditional Carol**

Verse 1
In the bleak midwinter
Frosty wind made moan
Earth stood hard as iron
Water like a stone
Snow had fallen snow on snow
Snow on snow
In the bleak midwinter
Long ago

Verse 2
Our God heav'n cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain
Heav'n and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign
In the bleak midwinter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ

(instrumental)

Verse 3
Angels and archangels
May have gathered there
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air
But His mother only
In her maiden bliss
Worshiped the Beloved
With a kiss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Mary Did You Know — **Buddy Greene**

Verse 1
Mary did you know
That your baby boy
Would one day walk on water
Mary did you know
That your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters

Did you know
That your baby boy
Has come to make you new
This Child that you delivered
Will soon deliver you

Verse 2
Mary did you know
That your baby boy
Would give sight to the blind man
Mary did you know
That your baby boy
Would calm a storm with His hand
Did you know
That your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod
And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God
Oh Mary did you know

Interlude
Ooh Mary did you know ooh ooh

Bridge
The blind will see
The deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap
The dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb

Verse 3
Oh Mary did you know
That your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation
Mary did you know
That your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations
Did you know
That your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb
And the sleeping Child you're holding
Is the great I Am
Oh Mary oh

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE