

**THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP**  
**NINE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK**  
**SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 13, 2020**

"Let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service, with reverence and awe." Hebrews 12:28

**The Silent Prayer Upon Entering the Sanctuary**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Your first coming sent Your messenger to prepare Your way before You; Grant that the ministers and stewards of Your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**The Prelude - "Puer nobis nascitur/Ons is gheboren een kindekijn/  
To us a child is born"**

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*Text:*

To us a child is born,  
Brighter than the sun,  
Who shall be our peace,  
In whom already the angels rejoice.

+ **The Welcome and Announcements**

**The Call to Worship**

+\* **The Hymnal - #214 "Angels We Have Heard on High"**

Gloria

\* **The Invocation and 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.

\* **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell\*; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;\*\*  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.

\*\* "catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.

\* **The Gloria Patri**

(Hymnal, #271)

Lyngham

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Spirit be while endless ages run, while endless ages run, while endless ages run.

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**The Scripture Reading - Matthew 16 (20<sup>th</sup> reading)**  
John 20:24-31

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**The Recognition of Memorization Achievement** (9:00 a.m. service)

**The Reception of New Members** (11:00 a.m. service)

- \* **The Psalter** - Psalm 98:1-4 Desert
- \* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**
- \* **The Doxology** Puer Nobis  
All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live; to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise. Amen.

**The Sermon** Mr. Johnson

"THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN"  
*CXXVIII. Expositions of the Gospel of John*

- \* **The Hymnal** - #213 "What Child Is This" Greensleeves
- \* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) St. Louis  
O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.  
(*Trinity Hymnal*, #201, last stanza)

**The Postlude** - "Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich/The day that is so full of joy" J. S. Bach

*Text:*

The day that is so full of joy  
To all creatures:  
When God's Son, who reigns in heaven  
Over all the world  
Was born of a virgin.  
Mary, who was chosen  
To be His mother,  
Was there ever something so miraculous?  
God's Son from heaven  
Is born as one of us.

# Angels We Have Heard on High

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*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*  
Luke 2:14

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;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
Say what may the 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.

REFRAIN

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

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Traditional French carol

GLORIA 7.7.7.7.ref.  
Traditional French melody  
Arr. by Edward S. Barnes, 1937

## LIVE-STREAM PLATFORMS

SermonAudio [ipcs.ga/sawebcast](https://ipcs.ga/sawebcast)  
YouTube [ipcs.ga/YouTube](https://ipcs.ga/YouTube)

Facebook [ipcs.ga/facebooklive](https://ipcs.ga/facebooklive)  
Periscope [ipcs.ga/periscope](https://ipcs.ga/periscope)

## ON-LINE FRIENDSHIP CARD

We extend a warm welcome and express our delight that you have chosen to visit the historic Independent Presbyterian Church. In order to have a record of your visit and to become better acquainted with you, we would ask you to use the QR code attached to fill out our on-line friendship card.

With your smartphone, open the camera app and point it at the QR image. If you are viewing via live webcast you may use this link: <https://ipcs.ga/friendship>.



# Psalm 98:1-4

1. <sup>1</sup>O sing a new song to the LORD For  
 2. <sup>2</sup>The great sal - va - tion wrought by Him Je -  
 3. <sup>3</sup>He mind - ful of His grace and truth To  
 4. <sup>4</sup>O all the earth, sing to the LORD And

won - ders He has done, For won - ders He has  
 ho - vah has made known, Je - ho - vah has made  
 Is - rael's house has been, To Is - rael's house has  
 make a joy - ful sound, And make a joy - ful

done, His right hand and His ho - ly arm  
 known. His jus - tice in the na - tions' sight  
 been. The great sal - va - tion of our God  
 sound. Lift up your voice a - loud to Him;

The vic - to - ry have won,  
 The Lord has clear - ly shown,  
 All ends of earth have seen,  
 Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound!

The vic - to - ry have won,                      The vic - to - ry  
 The Lord has clear - ly shown,              The Lord has clear -  
 All ends of earth have seen,                All ends of earth  
 Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound!            Sing psalms! Let joy

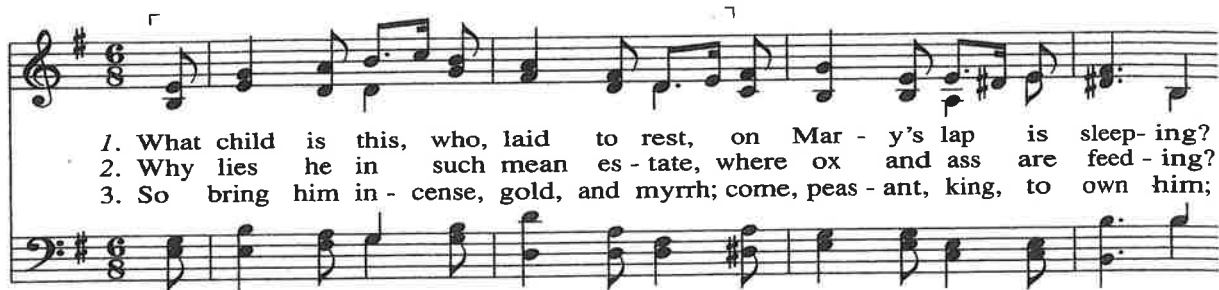
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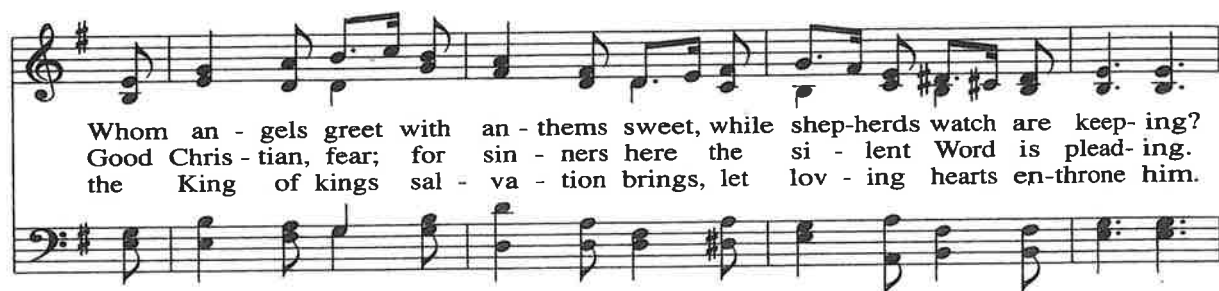
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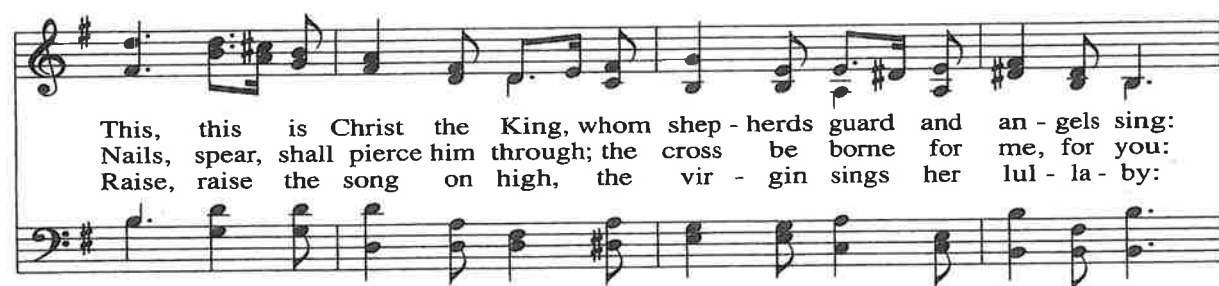
## What Child Is This

*Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2*


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 the 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.



LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20,

AT  
9:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

A MESSAGE BY MR. JOHNSON

AND CANDLELIGHT CAROL SINGING ON THE LAWN

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SERVICE TIME

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OUR MINISTRY TODAY

### A.M. Sunday School

Adult Sunday School taught by Mr. Foster is accessible at [SermonAudio.com/ipcsav](http://SermonAudio.com/ipcsav). The title of the class is *Encounters With Jesus*. This week we will study "All For Jesus" (Mark 10:17-22).

Children (Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Sunday School materials provided to parents.

Middle School & High School are encouraged to participate in the Adult Sunday School taught by Mr. Foster.

**9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. – Morning Worship** (On-site and live-stream).

**4:00 P.M. - Handbell Choir rehearsal**

**5:30 P.M. – Evening Worship** (On-site and live-stream). A fellowship meal will be served following the evening service for 250.

**6:30 P.M. – Care Group #9 (M. Biemiller)** (Deacons: R. Rambo/M. Dusek) and **Care Group #10 (R. Mullinix)** (Deacons: A. Gibson/P. Schenk/M. Mullinix) Set up/Clean up for supper.

**7:00 P.M. – Chapel Choir Rehearsal** (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Choir Room.

**7:00 P.M. – Middle School/High School Activities** (Youth eat in the Fellowship Hall).

**Nursery** – (infants through 3-year-olds) will be available at the 9:00 a.m. service and 5:30 p.m. service. Reserve nursery care when you register for services.

### MEMORIZATION ACHIEVEMENT

During this morning's worship service we will recognize *William "Liam" Jerrold Black III* for reciting word perfect The Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed—Level 1 of our memorization program. He will receive an award of achievement. Please take a moment to congratulate him.

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

During this morning's worship service, we will be receiving new members. We are delighted to have them become members of our congregation.

### ON-LINE THIS WEEK

**Adult Meetings:** This week the following meetings are planned to take place on-line:

Tuesday, 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (both on-site and ZOOM)  
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. iPrimes Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only)

### ON-SITE THIS WEEK

**Men's Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast** – 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and also via ZOOM meeting.

**Wednesday Noon Service** – Every Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. in the Telfair Hall with the Bible Study starting at 12:20 p.m. (on-site and live-stream). Mr. Timothy Foster will be preaching.

**Wednesday Evening** – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m.

**New Covenant Bible Study** – Thursday at 7:00 p.m., in the Telfair Chapel.

**College Bible Study** – Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Carriage House. We will study Hebrews 6:1-3, "The Basis For Maturity."

**Youth Choir, December 16**– extended time from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

**No Middle School/High School Youth Gatherings this week.**

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### CHRISTMAS 2020

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, our plans for this year include placing poinsettias and greenery in the sanctuary. If you would like to recognize a special person, you may do so by ordering a poinsettia, or you may make a donation toward the greenery. The cost is \$15.00. For those who choose to order poinsettias, please be good stewards and remove them after either service on Christmas Eve. **All orders for poinsettia/greenery need to be submitted by today.** You may place your order by scanning the QR code below.

I would like a poinsettia.  I would like to donate toward greenery.  
To the glory of God and in honor/memory (please circle one) of:

Honor/Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Honor/Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

