

CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION SERVICE

December 18, 2022 6:30 pm

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel... "We wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us"
Numbers 24.17, Titus 2.13-14a

Invocation *The Gift of Gifts* (Unison)
(from The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions)

Our Gracious God, the source of all good,
What shall I render to thee for the gift of gifts, thine own dear Son,
begotten, not created, my redeemer, proxy, surety, substitute,
His self-emptying incomprehensible,
His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.
Herein is wonder of wonders: He came below to raise me above,
was born like me that I might become like Him.
Herein is love; when I cannot rise to Him
He draws near on wings of grace, to raise me to Himself.
Herein is power; when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart
He united them in indissoluble unity,
the uncreated and the created.
Herein is wisdom; when I was undone,
with no will to return to Him,
and no intellect to devise recovery, He came, God-incarnate,
to save me to the uttermost,
as man to die my death, to shed satisfying blood on my behalf,
to work out a perfect righteousness for me.
O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds,
and enlarge my mind;
let me hear good tidings of great joy,
and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore,
my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose,
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father;
place me with ox, ass, camel, goat,
to look with them upon my Redeemer's face,
and in Him account myself delivered from sin;
let me with Simeon clasp the new-born Child to my heart,
embrace Him with undying faith,
exulting that He is mine and I am His.
In Him thou hast given me so much
that heaven can give no more. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Message: Adam, Noah, Job, Isaiah: Waiting

Scripture: Genesis 3.15; 6.5-7; Job 9.2-14, 25-31; Isaiah 1.18, 7.14, 9-6-7; 11.1-2, 40.1-3, Isaiah 53 (selected)

Congregation:

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

HE COMES!

Scripture: Matthew 1.18-25

The Gift of Music *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Choir
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.

O ye heights of Heav'n adore Him; angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, 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!

Of the Father to the world, God incarnate love unfurled, ruined
sinners to reclaim,
Prince of Peace is His Name!

*He is Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End, Creator, Sustainer,
Redeemer and Friend.*

He is Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End, the Everlasting, Amen!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and song and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory and dominion and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore!

God is with us; no more fear. Death is conquered; dry your tears.
Raise your voices, He has come, and will take His children home.

Refrain (2)

The Everlasting Amen (2)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Confessing Our Faith- (Unison) Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 AD
Maker of the sun,
He is made under the sun.
In the Father He remains,
from His mother He goes forth.
Creator of heaven and earth,
He was born on earth under heaven.
Unspeakably wise,
He is wisely speechless.
Filling the world,
He lies in a manger.
Ruler of the stars,
He nurses at His mother's bosom.
He is both great in the nature of God,
and small in the form of a servant.

Hymns of Preparation: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* #193

Receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus

Hymn of Reflection *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #201

Message: *The Wait is Over... Yet We Wait*

Congregational Declaration *All is Well*

All is well, all is well
Angels and men rejoice
For tonight darkness fell
Into the dawn of love's light
Sing A-le, sing Alleluia

All is well, all is well
Let there be peace on Earth
Christ has come go and tell
That He is in the manger
Sing A-le, sing Alleluia

All is well, all is well
Lift up your voice and sing
Born is now Emmanuel
Born is our Lord and Savior
Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia, all is well.

ULTIMATE TRIUMPH

Revelation 11.15

(Unison) The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.

Hymn of Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light;

Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

Ve-ry God, begotten not created.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:

Glory to God, in the highest

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;

Benediction

“And when they had sung a hymn, they went out.” Mark 14.26



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