



Welcome to Worship

Presbyterian Church of the Cross

Sunday, December 18, 2022

9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 1-5

"Ani Ma' Amin"

arr. Ryan Nowlin

Resound & Patty Ritchie, cello

I believe with perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah. Even if he be delayed.

Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-6

"A Spotless Rose"

Herbert Howells

Chamber Singers

Soloists: Scott Stalnaker (9:00), Larry Frederickson (11:10)

SILENT MEDITATION

Jesus of Nazareth was a real man, living and dying at a turbulent moment in real space-time history. His message, and the message about him that the early Christians called good news, was not about how to escape that world. It was about how the one true God was changing it, radically and forever. - N.T. Wright, Simply Good News



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE – THE CANDLE OF LOVE

(9:00) The Broderick family (John, Beth, Peter, and Mary Kate)

(11:10) The Ballou family (Casey, Lauren, Hallie, Barrett, Cici, and Kirk Ryckman)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Light the Candle"

Carl Schalk

Light the can-dle of LOVE to-day, the Giv-er of love is here! ____ Wel-come the love we live and die for, but

on - ly Christ can give. ____ Flick-er and flame and glow with love, light up the world a - round you.

Flick-er and flame and glow with love, light up the world a - round ____ you.

ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Mighty God, creator of the world,

People: Break through all that keeps us from you.

Leader: We ask, in your mercy, to shape us in your image.

People: This Advent, visit us with your hope, peace, joy, and love.

PRAISE AND ADORATION

***HYMN**

"Once in Royal David's City"

1. (All) Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
2. (Choir) He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. (All) For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.
4. (All) And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

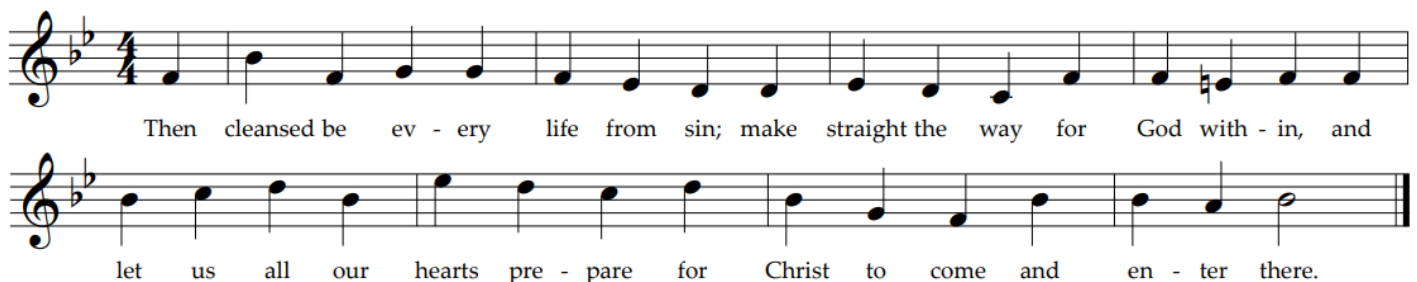
Great God, as we behold the birth of Jesus again, we are mindful of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story points us to your glory, yet we struggle to join in the song of praise and thanksgiving. Tell us again that the Savior is born. Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can be abundant in faith, hope and love because of what you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON (#96)

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

WINCHESTER NEW



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI (#583)**

"Glory to God"

GLORIA (Taizé)



PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1: 18-25

page 783 of the pew Bible

Alleluia, Chamber, & Resound

Soloists: Olivia Hacker, Jayne Frederickson, Marietta Morhardt

I. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Glory to God in the highest.

Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

And on earth peace to all those of good will.

Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.

We praise thee. We bless thee.

Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.

We worship thee. We glorify thee.

Gratias agimus tibi

We give thanks to thee

propter magnam gloriam tuam.

according to thy great glory.

II. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,

Lord God, Heavenly King,

Deus Pater omnipotens.

God the Father Almighty.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

Filius Patris.

Son of the Father.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,

Thou who takes away the sins of the world,

miserere nobis.

have mercy upon us.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,

Thou who takes away the sins of the world,

suscipe deprecationem nostrum.

receive our prayer.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris

Thou who sits at the right hand of the Father,

Miserere nobis.

have mercy upon us.

III. Quoniam tu solus sanctus.

For Thou alone art holy.

Tu solus Dominus.

Thou alone art the Lord.

Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.

Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ.

Cum Sancto Spiritu

With the Holy Spirit

In gloria Dei Patris.

in the glory of the God the Father.

Amen.

*Amen.***FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****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.

HYMN*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"****DIVINUM MYSTERIUM**

1. (Men) 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. (Women) 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!

3. (All) 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!

4. (All) Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymns and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 8-19

page 833 of the pew Bible

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Lullay my liking”
Chamber Singers

Luke D. Rosen

“Gaudete!”
Resound & Percussion

Michael Engelhardt

Gaudete, Gaudete! Christus est natus
Ex Maria Virgine: Gaudete!

*Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born
of the Virgin Mary: rejoice!*

Tempus adest gratiae,
Hoc quod optabamus;
Carmina laetitia
Devote reddamus.

*It is now the time of grace,
that we have desired;
let us devoutly return
songs of rejoicing.*

Deus homo factus est,
Natura mirante;
Mundus renovates est
A Christo regnante.

*God has become man,
and nature marvels;
the world has been renewed
by Christ who is King.*

Ergo nostra concio
Psallat jam in lustris;
Benedicat Domino:
Salus Regi nostro.

*Therefore let our song,
now resound in purification;
let us give praises to the Lord:
Salvation to our King.*

“Above the Weary Waiting World”
Matt Lewis, soloist
Alleluia, Chamber, & Resound

Kim André Arnesen

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Festival First Nowell”

arr. Dan Forrest

1. (All) The first Nowell the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

2. (Women) They looked up and saw a star shining in the East beyond them far;
(Men) And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
(Choir) Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

3. (All) Then let us all: with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord
That hath made heav'n and earth of nought, and with His blood mankind hath bought:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”
Brass

arr. Paul Frederick



Announcements

For the week of December 18, 2022

Instrumentalists

Trumpet

Federico Montes
Jason Johnson
Jaime Tyser
Dan Nesbitt

Horn

Brett Hodge

Trombone

Jason Stromquist
Justin Brown
Jay Wise

Tuba

Alex Serwatowski

Percussion

Kelli Nelson
Derek Dreier
Hanna Weaver

Timpani

Jeff Nelson

Choir

Alleluia & Chamber Singers

Soprano

Betty Baddley
Sheri Cunningham*
June Fettig*
Jayne Frederickson*
Sarah Frederickson
Olivia Hacker*
Kathy Jerry
Brooke Lewis*
Beth Maxwell
Sue Meusey
Mary Reid
Myrna Vasta
Becky Zieman*

Alto

Mary Lynn Bennett
Joan Boomgaarden
Joan Gayle Chapin
Sue Freyer
Laura Gardner
Susan Geschwender*
Belinda Greiner*
Charlotte Hubbard
Jean Lynn*

Marietta Morhardt*
Kate Morris
Mary Ott*
Ann Pearson
Sandi Stuckey
Anne Wattles

Tenor

Ethan Bennett*
Curt Field
Larry Frederickson*
Matt Lewis*
Stephen Niles
Sam Rennick*
Scott Stalnaker*

Bass

John Bennett
Jeff Friesen*
Dave Gardner
Gary Lynn*
John Morey*
Bill Ritchie*
Darrell Stuedemann
A.J. Sundberg
Stan Weyand

Resound

Soprano

Sarah Frederickson
Olivia Hacker
Lauren Hofer
Amelia Treu

Alto

Cassie Darby
Anna Flairty
Brooke Lewis
Julie Ramirez

Tenor

Ethan Bennett
Jacob Denton
Nathan Denton
Matt Lewis
Noah Reestman

Bass

Tyler Jenkins
Tyler Kalinowski
Joe Mendick
Cameron Stussie

*Chamber Singers

Annette White, organ and piano
Janet Wallace, Liturgist
Kristi Treu, Conductor

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

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| Childcare Ministry | | Kari Murry, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher | |
| Ushers | 9:00 | Tim Graumann (captain), Brenda Graumann, Kathy Moore, Cheryl Bedell, & Jeff Boyum | |
| | 11:10 | David Hopp (captain), Joe Weaver, Josh Murray, Alta Empkey, & Karen Morey | |
| Greeters | 9:00 | North Door: Kristin Jacobi | South Door: Doug Larson |
| | 9:00 | North Door: Judy Arms | South Door: Doug Larson |
| Information Center | 9:00 & 11:10 | Kathy Nickel | |
| Coffee Host | Congregational Life Committee | | |

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For your convenience during worship: Bibles, hymnals, and sign-in books are in the pews. Blue envelopes are provided for the offering, and white prayer request cards are also provided. Prayer requests are confidential.

Children's worship kits are available in the Narthex: Please use these fun resources during worship to keep little hands busy!

Christmas at PCOC ... Our Place in the Story

Join PCOC in celebrating a Christ-centered holiday. Mark your calendars and plan to attend our Christmas services as we find our place in the story.

Christmas Eve

December 24

5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Christmas Day

December 25

11:10 a.m.

Christmas Joy Offering. In December, we participate in the PCUSA Christmas Joy offering. The funds from this offering are divided. One half of the collection goes to support our pastor retirement fund, and the other half is divided to support children in need in our community through three of our local charities: Completely Kids, CASA Douglas County, and CASA Sarpy County. Use the special envelopes in the pews or write "Christmas Joy" on a blue envelope.



The Week Briefly

Sunday, December 18

Annual Advent Music Sunday

Pantry Sunday

9:00 Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream

10:00 Special Coffee Fellowship

11:10 Worship in Sanctuary

12:15 Nominating Committee

4:30 SHF/JHF – Movie Night until 6:30

Monday, December 19

10:00 Tai Chi

11:00 Remove Chancel Extensions

Tuesday, December 20

9:30 Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 21

10:00 OAC Meeting

6:30 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, December 22

10:00 Tai Chi

Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 Worship & Livestream

7:00 Worship

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

11:10 Worship

Office Closed on Monday, December 26
& Tuesday, December 27.



Joys and Concerns

We have the joy of special music today. Thank you to all our choirs and guest musicians! Join us in Fellowship Hall between services for coffee and treats. No Sunday School today.

Please keep these members and their families in prayer: John and Patti Sparks are grieving the loss of their son-in-law Michael Thissen of Indianapolis. Member Anne Anderson passed away this week. Karen Metzger broke her wrist. Jody Watt is in the hospital.

Today is the Deadline to Nominate Officers! In the Presbyterian Church, we have the privilege and responsibility of nominating and electing our own congregational leaders. Now is the time to nominate a new class of Elders and Deacons. Your input is both appreciated and necessary! Complete an online nomination form, or stop by the Information Center or church office to pick up a form. Deadline for nominations is December 18.



Youth Groups Today. It's Pajama Movie Night from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Feel free to wear comfy pajamas or loungewear. This will be the last time we meet until January, unless you attend the Ignite! Presbytery Wide Youth Event on December 30. Check your email for details and let Heather know if you will participate in Ignite!

Just for Our College Kids. No College Bible Study tonight, but join us for the College Christmas Party at the Voss home on Friday, December 23 starting at 5 p.m. We will have dinner, dessert, and fun! Please RSVP if you are coming.



HHM Christmas Volunteers Needed. HHM needs volunteers for their Christmas celebration to pack toys in bags for parents to take home to their children or help with the various celebration events. You can sign up online for a variety of dates and times. You will receive a confirmation email and explanation of where to go and what you will be doing. Learn more and find links to these HHM opportunities on the church website.

Mission Giving Tree in Lobby. Our beautiful wooden giving tree is set up in the Lobby outside the Church Office. Donations this year will go to the following PCOC mission partners: Omaha Street School, Russian Mission Partnership, and Siena Francis House. Envelopes are available by the tree. Just check your donation choice, enclose your check, and leave the envelope in the basket. All checks should be made out to Presbyterian Church of the Cross.



**Christmas
Light Tour**

PCOC Christmas Light Tour! Plan an evening for a self-guided tour of PCOC members' festive light displays. If you'd like to share your outdoor holiday lights with the congregation this season, please sign up online to have your address listed on the tour. (Addresses on the tour will be shared only with church members each week by email.)

Book Group on December 21. PCOC Book Group will meet Wednesday December 21, 5:15-6:30, to discuss *Payne Hollow, Life on the Fringe of Society* by Harlan Hubbard. PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT be meeting at church as we usually do. We will meet at the Fetting's residence. Closer to the meeting date, June will send an email to the Book Group with specific directions regarding getting to her residence. All readers are welcome!

New Member Class on January 15.

Our next new member class will be Sunday, January 15 after late service in Room 15. The class will last about an hour, and a light lunch will be served. Sign up online or call the church office.

Church Volunteer Opportunities.

- We have a few open spots for ushering in the new year. Rather than joining a team permanently, you can now sign up online to usher for individual Sundays.
- We need greeters on Sunday mornings. Just choose your preferred service and door. Sign up online!
- The church needs Monday Morning Kitchen Crews for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Mondays of each month. Each 2-person crew completes a "Weekly Maintenance" checklist. This is a non-strenuous job which requires about an hour of your time. If you are interested, would like to be on the substitute list, or have questions, contact Annie or Rock at churchofthecross@pcoc.us or call 402-333-7466 during office hours.
- Monthly Cross Currents mailing volunteers needed. Duties include collating on Tuesday afternoons and folding on Wednesday mornings after the Friday Cross Current deadline. If you would like to help, be on the substitute list, or have questions, contact Annie or Rock at churchofthecross@pcoc.us or call 402-333-7466 during office hours.

Adult Education in the New Year. Learn more & sign up online!

- **Stories for Life in God's World: A Study of Parables** - Led by Kirk Ryckman - Wednesdays, January 11 – March 15 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Room 15
- **The Ten Commandments - Past, Present, and Future** - Led by Pastor Christine - Sundays, January 29 – February 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 15
- **Drug Education Class for Parents and Children** - Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m. - Join members of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Omaha Division as they provide an overview on the latest drug threats facing the country and more specifically what's being seen in Nebraska.

Cornerstone January 11 - March 15. Build strong ties with God and one another every Wednesday night with Bible study, music, and dinner. Everyone who registers for dinner is asked to volunteer to serve dinner or clean up. Registering ahead of time helps us plan for class supplies and gives us an accurate count for dinner so that we have enough food and are not wasteful. The deadline to register is January 1. Sign up online!

Communion Class on Wednesday, January 18. Join Pastor Marshall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. to learn about the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. This class is geared towards children in second grade and older that haven't had a chance to participate before. Come and join us for dinner, activities, and communion. Childcare will be provided for younger siblings. Sign up online.

You're Invited! Come wish Jim & Joan Gayle a happy 50th anniversary! Their family will be hosting a special celebration in their honor on Monday, December 26.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF
Jim & Joan Gayle Chapin
Monday the Twenty-Sixth of December, 2022
from 2:30pm to 5:30pm
Cake & Card Reception
Hosted by their nieces
Presbyterian Church of the Cross
1517 South 114th Street • Omaha, Nebraska 68144
RSVP to
Julie Trivilino: 402.917.8449
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or
Vicki Petrick: 402.707.4588
Your presence is your present.

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