



Redeemer Presbyterian Church West Side

December 13, 2020

Prelude — *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* — arr. Luke Sellick

Welcome — Rev. Andrew Field

Call to Worship — Isaiah 9

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: **For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness.

All: **The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will do this thing.**

Song of Praise — The First Noel

The first Noel the angel 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
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel

For all to see there was a star, shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord, sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and with his blood mankind hath bought
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel

Song of Praise — We Adore Thee

Wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, Everlasting Father
Prince of Peace, Jesus our Emmanuel
We adore thee, we adore thee, we adore thee

Lamb of God who takes away your people's sins
Great is our redemption, You gave for us a very pleasing sacrifice
We adore thee, we adore thee, we adore thee

Wonderful Counselor, the mighty God, Everlasting Father
Prince of Peace, Jesus our Emmanuel
We adore thee, we adore thee, we adore thee

Prayer of Adoration (*concluded by 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 and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Lord Jesus, if you had not limited all your majestic greatness into the cramped quarters of human nature, we would not know the limitless power and privilege of being your children! Forgive us for not loving others as you loved us. Forgive us for not quieting the fears of our hearts with the knowledge of your incarnation. Let us adore you for the gift of your Son, for He is our hope and our health and our life.

Words of Encouragement — Heidelberg Catechism 18

And who is this mediator — true God and at the same time truly human and truly righteous? Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given us to set us completely free and to make us right with God.

Song of Praise — God of Grace

God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free
O the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me
God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul
His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole

God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began
Sent my Savior down from heaven, Perfect God and perfect man
God of grace, I trust in Jesus, I'm accepted as his own
Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on him alone

God of grace I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven, and secure
All my fears are now confounded and my hope is ever sure
God of grace, now crowned in glory where one day I'll see your face
And forever I'll adore you in your everlasting grace

Celebration and Commissioning of Rev. Bijan Mirtolooi

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Scripture Reading — Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Homily — *The Grace of God* — Rev. David Bisgrove

Closing Song — Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all

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

Benediction and Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude — *Go Tell it on the Mountain* — arr. Jon Cowherd