

Order of Worship

November 27, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath.

The Prophecy Candle

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Preparation for Worship

For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

(Luke 1:49 ESV)

Call to Worship

ALL: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

Pastor: For he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

People: For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Pastor: And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

People: He has shown strength with his arm;

Pastor: He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

People: He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

Pastor: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

People: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

ALL: Praise the LORD! *(Luke 1:46–55 ESV)*

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Joy to the World

Joy to the world the Lord is come/Let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare Him room/And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing/And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns/Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,

Repeat the sounding joy/Repeat the sounding joy

Repeat repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow/Nor thorns infest the ground.

He comes to make His blessings flow/Far as the curse is found,

Far as the curse is found/Far as far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace/And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness/And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love/And wonders wonders of His love.

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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 every nation/Joy of every longing heart.

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.

*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
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Scripture Reading

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

(Luke 1:26-45 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world/Promised from creation;

God's salvation now unfurled/Hope for ev'ry nation.

Not with fanfares from above/Not with scenes of glory;

But a humble gift of love/Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky/With the songs of angels

As the mighty Prince of Life/Shelters in a stable.

Hands that set each star in place/Shaped the earth in darkness;

Cling now to a mother's breast/Vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb/Gazing at the glory;

Gifts of men from distant lands/Prophesy the story.

Gold, a King is born today/Incense, God is with us;

Myrrh, His death will make a way/By His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven/Given as a ransom;

Reconciling God and man/Christ our mighty Champion.

What a Savior, what a Friend/What a glorious mystery;

Once a babe in Bethlehem/Now the Lord of history.

*"Joy Has Dawned"
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Profession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism, # 21 & # 22

Pastor: Who is the redeemer of God's elect?

People: The only redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continued to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Pastor: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

People: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Pastoral Prayer

Michael Butler, Elder

Offertory

"My Soul Will Magnify the Lord (Magnificat)"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"REJOICE! Mary's Song"

Luke 1:46-55

Song of Response

What Child Is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,

While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian fear for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading

Nails spear shall pierce Him through the cross be borne for me for you.

Hail hail the Word made flesh, the babe the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh; come peasant king to own Him.

The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthroned Him.

Raise raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby.

Joy joy for Christ is born, the babe the son of Mary.

*"What Child Is This?"
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Benediction

My Soul Will Magnify the Lord (Magnificat)

My soul will magnify the Lord;

I rejoice in God my Savior,

In the wonder of His favor.

For He has done great things for me.

He was mindful of His servant.

Every age shall call me blessed.

The Hope of Abraham come

In the giving of a Son

For He who promised is mighty

In remembering His mercy.

My soul will magnify the Lord

For His grace to those who fear Him

Through every generation.

The proud He scatters to the wind

As the ruler's strength is broken,

And the rich are left with nothing.

The humble lifted high,

And the hungry satisfied;

Our Portion and our Treasure,

Our Hope and Help forever.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest - Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here! If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please fill out the "Connect Card" and visit our website. Another great way to connect is through Sunday School. There are classes for all ages at 9:45am.

Connect Cards - Please take a "Connect Card" from the chair pocket in front of you, fill out one per family and place in the collection plate.

Christmas Poinsettias - If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the enclosed bulletin insert, enclose your payment (cash or check) and place in the offering plate. Cost is \$12.

Little Lincoln Village Giving Tree - Each year we collect items to give to the preschoolers at Lincoln Village. Ornaments for each child are available on the Christmas tree in the foyer. All gifts should be dropped off, UNWRAPPED, either underneath the Lincoln Village Christmas tree or upstairs in the Children's Assembly room no later than Sunday, December 11th. You may also sign up for needed items online at signupgenius.com/go/5080a4babac2ba02-little

Cornerstone Christmas Events:

Children's Advent Party - Saturday, December 3rd, from 10am-12pm in the FLC. RSVP to paige@cornerstonehuntsville.org. If you are interested in volunteering visit signupgenius.com/go/5080a4babac2ba02-journey

Group Home Caroling - In partnership with Joni and Friends annual Christmas Deliveries ministry, we will be delivering gifts and caroling at a local group home on Friday, December 9th. We will meet at the church at 5:15pm and drive together to the group home. Optional dinner afterwards for whoever wants to stay. Families welcome!

Youth Christmas Party - Sunday, December 11th from 5-7pm in the FLC.

Christmas Brunch - Sunday, December 18th in the FLC during the Sunday School hour.

Christmas Eve Services - Saturday December 24th at 4pm and 5:30pm.

Christmas Day Service - Sunday, December 25th, at 11 am only.

Men's Ministry - Save the Date for Men's Retreat at the Vision February 24-25, 2023.

Abounding - To learn more about the Abounding initiative, please visit cornerstoneabounding.org

Join the Good News Club Team - Cornerstone is forming a team to launch a GNC at Blossomwood elementary. Information and sign up is located in the gathering room!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Lora Abernathy, Diana Akridge, Bryan Gassaway, Rick McCann, Randy Petcher, Mike Bayless, Bill and JoAnn Sneed, and Kyle Mosier.

Pray for healing - April DeJong, Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Berin Wendorf, Phil Freeze, Gayle Ricks, Lauren Davenport, Sharon Ibsen, Farris Powell, Sam Trotter, Jack Trotter, Kara Beth McClure, Bob Boerner, and David Kimrey.

Pray for our nursing home resident - Ruby Petcher

Pray for our expectant mothers - Hillary Hornor (November) and Kawell (adoption).

Pray that the Lord would raise up an assistant pastor to serve at Cornerstone.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Providence Presbytery and Christ Presbyterian Church, Hampton Cove, AL (Pastor Michael Calvert).



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Mary's Song

LUKE 1:46-55