

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 22, 2024



ADORATION



PRELUDE

MUSICAL INTROIT | *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

CALL TO WORSHIP | **Isaiah 52: 7-10, 13-15**

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice;
together they sing for joy;
for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

**Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.**

The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.

As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
so shall he sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

Page 3 | *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Good Christian men, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
earth and heav'n before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

CONFESSION



CONFESSION OF SIN | **Malachi 3:1-3**

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | **Luke 1, Song of Zechariah**

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has come and has redeemed his people.
He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David
(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),
salvation from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us
- to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,
the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
and to enable us to serve him without fear
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

**Through Christ we have salvation and the forgiveness of sins.
In him is the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun has come to us from heaven,
to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the path of peace.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

Page 5 | *All My Heart This Night Rejoices*

All This Night My Heart Rejoices (#217)

All my heart this night rejoices
as I hear far and near
sweetest angel voices.
"Christ is born," their choirs are singing
till the air ev'rywhere
now with joy is ringing.

Forth today the Conqu'ror goeth,
who the foe, sin and woe,
death and hell, o'erthroweth.
God is man, man to deliver;
his dear Son now is one
with our blood forever.

Shall we still dread God's displeasure,
who, to save, freely gave
his most cherished Treasure?
To redeem us, he hath given
his own Son from the throne
of his might in heaven.

He becomes the Lamb that taketh
sin away and for aye
full atonement maketh.
For our life his own he tenders;
and our race, by his grace,
meet for glory renders.

Hark! a voice from yonder manger,
soft and sweet, doth entreat:
"Flee from woe and danger.
Brethren, from all ills that grieve you,
you are freed; all you need
I will surely give you."

Come, then, banish all your sadness,
one and all, great and small;
come with songs of gladness.
Love him who with love is glowing;
hail the star, near and far
light and joy bestowing.

Dearest Lord, thee will I cherish.
Though my breath fail in death,
yet I shall not perish,
but with thee abide forever
there on high, in that joy
which can vanish never.

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1653) | Tune: WARUM SOLLT' ICH MICH DENN GRAMEN
Composer: Johann G. Ebeling (1666)

FORMATION AND COMMISSION



ADVENT READING | **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Paul and Anita Beatty

CATECHESIS | **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

Q. 106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A. In the sixth petition, which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,” we pray, that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER | Aaron Steelman, Elder

READING OF THE WORD | **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

DOXOLOGY

Then let us all with one accord, sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
Who hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Author: Anonymous (1833) | Tune: The First Nowell

SERMON

Reason to Rejoice | Rev. Andrew Perkins

TITHES & OFFERINGS

MEDITATION | *Gesu Bambino*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER†

Cups in the outer ring contain grape juice; remaining cups contain wine.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Pg. 7) & Angels We Have Heard on High (Pg. 8)

CLOSING HYMN

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (#200)

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heav'n's all-gracious King";
the world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav'nly music floats
o'er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hov'ring wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years
comes round the age of gold;
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Text: Edmund Hamilton Sears (1850); Tune: CAROL; Richard Storrs Willis, 1819-1900 (1850)

Angels We Have Heard on High (#214)

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

Source: Traditional French Carol. | Tune: GLORIA; Arranger: Edward S. Barnes (1937)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (#203)

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Refrain

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.

Refrain

Text: Charles Wesley (1739; 1753; Alt.); Tune: MENDELSSOHN; Arranger:
William H. Cummings (1856); Composer: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1840)

CALENDAR & EVENTS

Details about events available at cpcissaquah.org

SUNDAY

Sunday School resumes January 12th.

10:15a - Morning Worship (*also livestreamed*)

Evening Prayer resumes January 5th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | Tuesday, December 24 | 6:30p

Women's Evening of Prayer | Friday, January 3 | 7p

INFORMATION

Nursery | Available during Sunday School and Worship, for children up to 4 years.



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