



COVENANT

presbyterian church



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

DECEMBER 14, 2025

ADORATION



Prelude

Announcements

Musical Introit | *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Advent Reading | **Isaiah 11:1-5, 9-10**

Marilyn Baker

Call to Worship | *from* **Luke 1:68-79**

Leader:

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
he has visited and redeemed his people
and raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,

People:

**that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

Hymn of Adoration

Page 3 | *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Prayer of Adoration

O Come, All Ye Faithful (#208)

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;
very God, begotten, not created;

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God in the highest;

Refrain

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;

Refrain

John Francis Wade, 1751 | Trans. Fredrick Oakley, 1841
John Francis Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751
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CONFESSION

Call to Confession | *from Hebrews 9:22-28,*

Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Confession of Sin

Lord our God,

all creation groans in expectation, longing for full redemption of your coming kingdom.

O Sovereign Wisdom, come now and teach us the way to salvation, for we have sinned and fallen short of your glory.

Come quickly to deliver us.

Lord our God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

O Immanuel, desire of the nations and Savior of all, come with outstretched arm to save us.

Without your grace, we are bound to sin and we cannot save ourselves.

Come quickly to deliver us.

Lord our God, our worship is marked by selfishness.

We turn away from the brightness of your glory.

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, come, shine on those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Come quickly to deliver us.

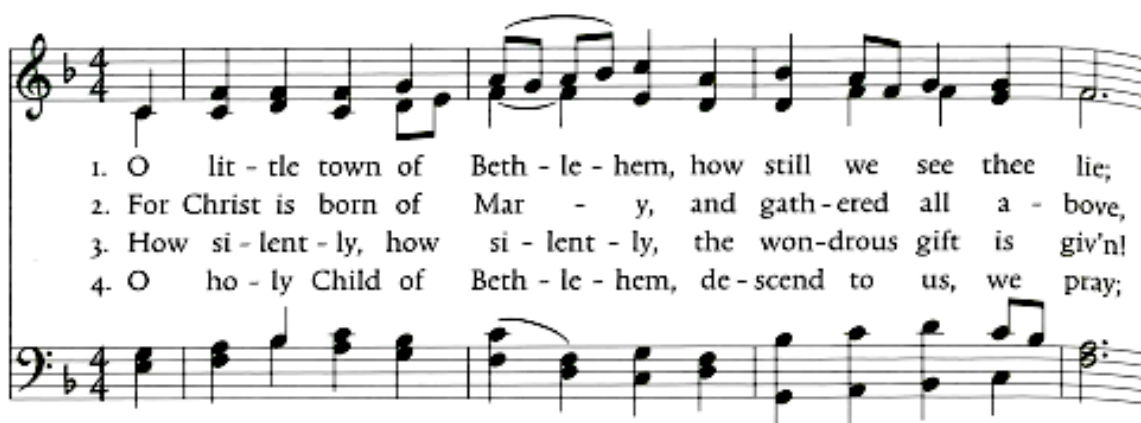
Assurance of Pardon | *Galatians 4:3b-7*

When we were children, we were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

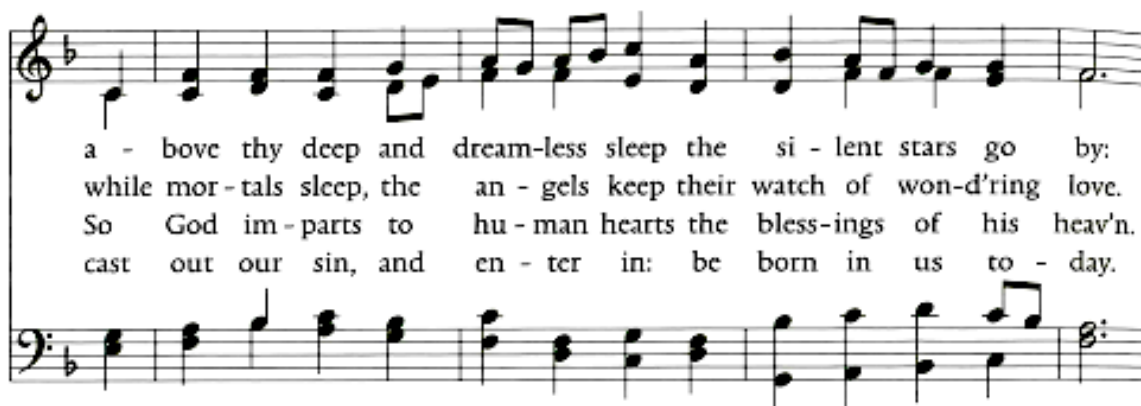
Hymn of Assurance

Page 5 | O Little Town of Bethlehem

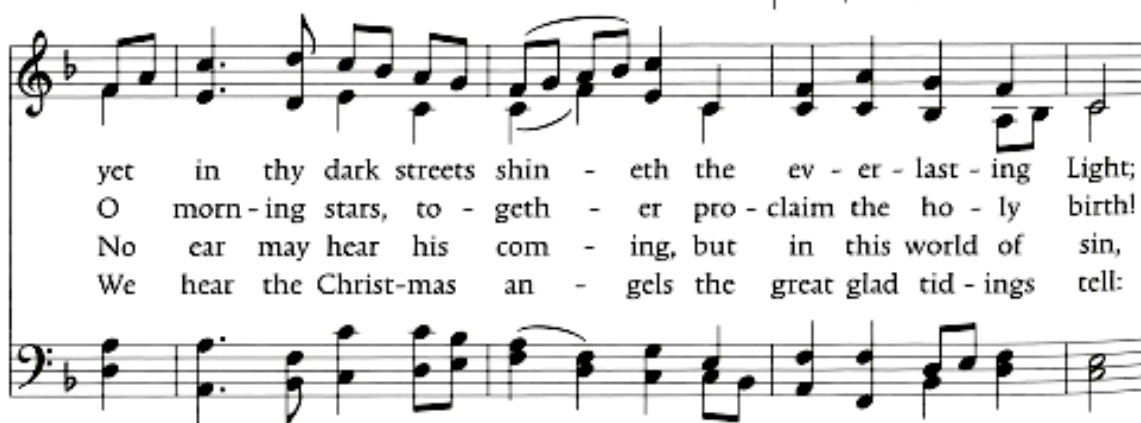
752 O Little Town of Bethlehem



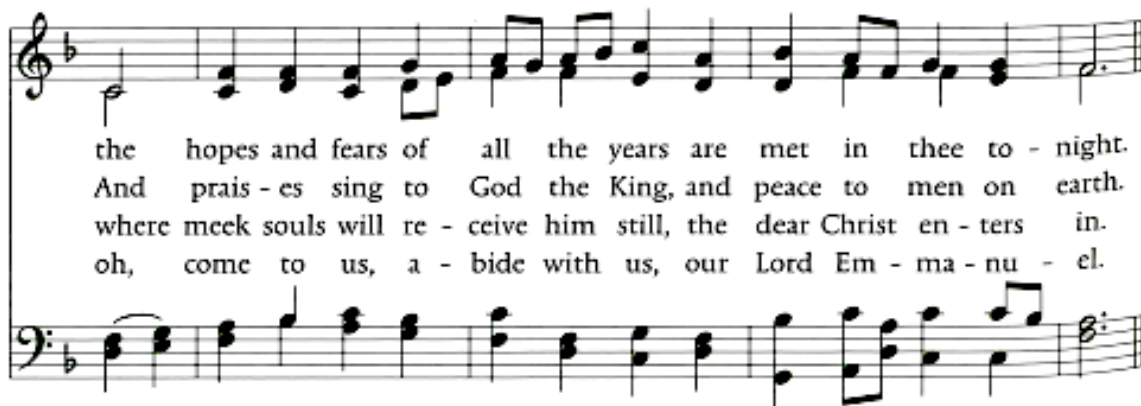
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in: be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell:



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - ma - nu - el.

Words: Phillips Brooks, 1868

Music: English folk tune; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

FOREST GREEN
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Congregational Prayer | Mitch Connors, Elder

Youth Choir | *For Unto Us*

Reading of the Word | **Luke 1:39-56**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

#735 | 2nd-Century Traditional | Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Sermon

The Song His Servants Sing
Rev. Mike Kelly

Tithes & Offerings

Meditation | *Behold the Lamb of God*

The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sursum Corda

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is good and right to do so.

Advent Doxology

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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

The Lord's Supper and Closing Songs are on pages 8-10.

Benediction

Postlude

What Child is This (#213)

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 enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby:
joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Text Adapter: William C. Dix (ca. 1865); Tune: GREENSLEEVES

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor (#230)

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
all for love's sake becamest poor;
thrones for a manger didst surrender,
sapphire paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,
all for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,
all for love's sake becamest man;
stooping so low, but sinners raising,
heav'nward by thine eternal plan.
Thou who art God beyond all praising,
all for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,
make us what thou wouldst have us be.
Thou who art love beyond all telling,
Savior and King, we worship thee.

Frank Houghton, 1894-1972 | French carol melody;
arr. by Charles H. Kitson, 1930 | CCLI: 1095616/20146299

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)
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CALENDAR & EVENTS

Details about events available at cpcissaquah.org

SUNDAY

9a - Sunday School

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

6p - Evening Prayer (*final week for 2025*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Covenant Christian High School: *A Christmas Carol*

Tomorrow! Monday, December 15 | 6:30p

The play will be performed at CPC, in the narthex.

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols and Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24 | 6p

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