



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

---

December 24, 2012  
5:30 & 8:00 p.m.



# The Liturgy of the Word

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.  
Please silence your mobile devices.*

## ORGAN PRELUDE

STRING PRELUDE: "Pastorale" from *Christmas Concerto* . . . . . Arcangelo Corelli

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Bill, Leigh, Katherine, Will, and Anna Harwell (5:30)  
Drew Kimberlin, Emily Hendrix, and Katie Kimbro (8:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . D. Todd Erickson (5:30)  
Richard G. Cain (8:00)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 225 "Once in Royal David's City" . . . . . IRBY  
*stanza 1: Christy Young, soloist*  
*stanza 2: Choir*  
*stanzas 3-5: Congregation*

✦FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 . . . . . Elizabeth D. Folk (5:30)  
*(page 857 in pew Bible)* L. Price Morrison (8:00)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . IRBY

**Know ye not that lowly baby was the bright and morning Star?  
He Who came to light the Gentiles and the darkened isles afar?  
And we, too, our treasures bring for our Savior, God, and King.**

## ✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Our special offering today is for the Caring Ministry Fund. This fund assists those in need among our members and in our community. If you would like to contribute, please use the special envelope in the pew rack or mark your check "Caring Ministry Fund."*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "What Sweeter Music" . . . . . John Rutter  
*Text by Robert Herrick (1591-1674)*

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing  
The birth of this our heav'nly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!  
Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honor to this day  
That sees December turn'd to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden?  
Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be:  
'Tis He is born, whose quick'ning birth  
Gives life and luster, public mirth,  
To heaven and the under-earth.

We see Him come, and know Him ours, Who, with His sunshine and His show'rs,  
Turns the patient ground to flow'rs.  
The Darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room  
To welcome Him.  
The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart,  
Which we will give Him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath,  
To do Him honor who's our King, and Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing,  
The birth of this our heav'nly King?

*The Chancel Choir  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . GREENSLEEVES

**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.**

**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.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION . . . . . Dan G. Burns (5:30)  
Ronald G. Sadlow (8:00)

✦ GREETINGS

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:1-14 . . . . . Hugh M. Stephens III (5:30)  
(page 886 in pew Bible) Austin M. McCann (8:00)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Christ.**

CHRISTMAS EVE HOMILY      *The Word Became Flesh*      Sanders L. Willson

## The Liturgy of the Table

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

✦ PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH . . . . . The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
Who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father, Who sent Your One and Only Son  
to bear the sin of the world  
and to bring life and light to sinners far and wide,  
we confess our need of Your gracious and forgiving love,  
for we have violated Your commandments  
by our thoughts, words, and deeds,  
and we are without excuse.  
On this holy night, we cast our sins upon Jesus  
and pray that You would heal us of our guilt and shame  
and of our wandering hearts,  
that we may serve You with glad obedience,  
to the everlasting glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

LITANY OF PRAISE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is meet and right and our joyful duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and we praise You, King of Heaven, for Your lowly humility and Your infinite love whereby You have rescued us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of Light;

**Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host,  
we laud and magnify Your glorious Name,  
evermore praising You and saying:**

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.  
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND 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 APPROACH: No. 230

“Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor” . . . QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CHORAL MEDITATION: “O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild” . . . . .J.S. Bach

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild,  
Your Father’s will You have fulfilled.  
From heaven above to earth You came,  
And born as man You took our name.  
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.  
  
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild,  
Your birth the world with hope has filled,  
Your death has ransomed our lost race,  
For on the cross You took our place.  
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.  
  
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild,  
We seek to do what You have willed.  
All that we have comes from above;  
Lord, keep us walking in Your love.  
O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

SHARING OF THE CUP

CHORAL MEDITATION: “Still, Still, Still” . . . . . arr. Mack Wilberg

Still, still, still, the Child’s eyes softly close.  
And Mary, breathless, draws Him, weeping,  
To her heart made pure for keeping.  
Still, still, still, His bright eyes softly close.  
  
Sing, sing, sing, He hears and sweetly smiles.  
And kneeling Joseph joins in chorus  
With the angels bending o’er us.  
Sing, sing, sing, He hears and sweetly smiles.  
  
Sleep, sleep, O sleep. He breathes a tender sigh,  
For soon He’ll wake the wake from slumber,  
Bringing life and endless wonder,  
Sleep, sleep, O sleep. He breathes a tender sigh.  
Sleep, Holy Jesus, sleep, sleep, sleep.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH

HYMN OF CHRIST’S BIRTH: “Silent Night! Holy Night!” . . . . . STILLE NACHT

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin, mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.  
  
Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav’nly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

✦HYMN OF JOY No. 195: "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" . . . . . ANTIOCH

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis deo.**  
**Gloria in excelsis deo.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE:  
"On Christmas Night" . . . . . Traditional English Melody, arr. Robin Milford

✦Indicates congregation standing

CCLI License #252778



4055 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111  
www.2pc.org · (901) 454-0034

OUR MISSION:

To glorify God through joyful worship, to show God's love to all people,  
to lead them to faith in Jesus Christ, to make them His disciples,  
and to call them to His service.

Our 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast live each week on WHBQ (AM 560).  
The same service is telecast one week later, every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on  
WREG-TV (Channel 3). Live streaming of our Sunday morning worship  
services is also available at [www.2pc.org/live](http://www.2pc.org/live)