



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

December 14, 2014



WELCOME TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

The Benedictus (the Song of Zechariah) given in the Gospel of Luke 1:68-79 is one of the three canticles in the opening chapters of this Gospel — the other two being the “Magnificat” (Song of Mary) and the “Nunc Dimittis” (Song of Simeon). The Benedictus was the song of thanksgiving uttered by Zechariah on the occasion of the birth of his son, John the Baptist. The canticle received its name from its first words in Latin (Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel”). This morning we will read and sing two different settings of this text to celebrate the coming of our Priestly King, Jesus Christ.

*Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us;
and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins,
let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE PRIESTLY KING WHO SAVES

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Angels From the Realms of Glory” Samuel Metzger
Prelude on “What Child Is This” Richard Purvis
Samuel Metzger, organ

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Micah and Virginia O’Hare (8:15)
Justin, Amanda, Charlie, and Sophie Jane Joy (11:00)

CHORAL INTROIT: “Benedictus” Charles Stanford
Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
For he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us
In the house of his servant David.

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.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP T. Barton Kimbro

♠HYMN OF CHRIST'S ADVENT.....KINGSFOLD
Text by Michael Perry



1. Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
2. God from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has giv'n.
3. On those who sit in dark-ness the sun be-gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty.
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up from heav'n.
the dawn-ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin-ner's eyes.



The pro-phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
God guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill that pro - mise and bring the peo - ple peace.
the pro-phet of sal - va - tion, the her - ald of the day.
O bless our God and Sa - vior with songs that ne - ver cease.

♠SONG OF ZECHARIAH: Luke 1:68-79 William Jorgensen (8:15)
Zach Pennington (11:00)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people

**and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,**

as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;

**to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,**

the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,

in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,**

because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

**to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSEKINGSFOLD
Text by Carl Daw

**With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
The oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all,
That we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
In holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE PRIESTLY KING WHO PARDONS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful Father,
You sent Your Son as the sunshine that rises
to banish the darkness of sin and death.
Forgive us for continuing to prefer the dark ways
of our self-centeredness and self-sufficiency!
You sent Your Son to guide our feet into the path of peace.
Pardon us for proudly persisting
in our warring and conflicting ways with You and others.
You sent Your prophet to be a voice crying out.
Forgive us for blushing to speak about our Savior!
Humble us and embolden us
so that we might serve You without fear.
This we pray in Jesus' strong name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDONHebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Thanks be to God!

✦ HYMN OF CHRIST'S PRAISE: No. 219 "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord" . . . CANONBURY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Dan G. Burns

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Round the Glory Manger"K.L. Scott

They turn 'way Mary and Joseph 'way from the inn.
That's what made the glory manger.
An' a Hallelujah, hallelujah, Lord! Wasn't that a bright mornin', all 'round the glory manger.
They laid my pretty little Jesus down in the straw.
An' that's what made the glory manger.
An' all his pretty little fingers played in the straw.
An' that's what made the glory manger.

Madelyn Carson, soloist

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

**Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger,
He is still the Undeiled, but no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Yvonne K. Hardin

THE PRIESTLY KING WHO RULES

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.**

PSALM OF WISDOM. Psalm 110
(page 509 in the church Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
**The grass withers, the flower fades,
 but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Christ in the Wisdom Books* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠PSALM OF WISDOM: "The Lord Has Spoken to My Lord" JERUSALEM
Text by Henry Cutler; based on Psalm 110



1. The LORD has spo - ken to my Lord: "At My right hand
 2. Your peo - ple, in Your day of pow'r, Free - ly give them -
 3. And when His day of wrath has come; Then the Lord at



takes Your seat Un - til I make Your en - e - mies
 selves to You; Your youth, all clothed in ho - li - ness,
 Your right hand Will crush great kings and na - tions judge,



In - to a foot - stool for Your feet." The LORD from
 Ap - pear each day like morn - ing's dew. The LORD has
 Will fall - en bod - ies fill the land. Just - ly con -



Zi - on will ex - tend The might - y scep - ter
 sworn a sol - emn oath From which He'll nev - er
 demned be - neath His rule Will heads of ma - ny



in Your hand: "Rule in the midst of en - e -
 be re - leased: "In th'or - der of Mel - chi - ze -
 na - tions die; But from the brook He'll stop to



mies, Sub - due each un - der Your com - mand."
 dek For - ev - er - more You are a priest."
 drink, And His own head He'll lift up high.

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSEADESTES FIDELES

**O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “He Is Born the Divine Child” Denis Bédard

✦*Indicates congregation standing*

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