

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

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## THE ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Luke 2: 10-12

*"And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

### \*Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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

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

TEXT: Charles Wesley, altered MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn; arranged by William H. Cummings

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

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### \*Psalm 66: 5, 8-9

*Leader: Come and see what God has done!  
He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.*

All: Bless our God, O peoples;  
let the sound of His praise be heard,  
who has kept our soul among the living  
and has not let our feet slip.

### \*All Praise to Him

All praise to Him, the God of light  
Who formed the mountains by His might  
All praise to Him Who names the stars  
That sing His fame in skies afar  
All praise to Him Who reigns in love,  
Who guides the galaxies above  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer  
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

All praise to Him Whose love is seen  
In Christ the Son, the Servant King  
Who left behind His glorious throne  
To pay the ransom for His own  
All praise to Him Who humbly came  
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame  
Who lived to die, Who died to rise,  
The all-sufficient sacrifice

All praise to Him Whose pow'r imparts  
The love of God within our hearts  
The Spirit of all truth and peace,  
The fount of joy and holiness  
To Father, Son, and Spirit now,  
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow  
To You, the Triune God, we raise  
With loving hearts our song of praise  
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## SCRIPTURE READING

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### 1st Corinthians 1: 26-29

*LEADER: For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.*

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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ALL: Merciful Father,

You call us to hunger and thirst after righteousness,  
to give ourselves as living sacrifices,  
and to share the burdens of others.

Yet too often we hunger after the pleasures of the world,  
the lust of the flesh,  
and the greed of our own desires.

We confess these and other sins in our memory.

Forgive us, Lord, because Christ has taken these sins onto Himself,  
and has given us His own righteousness.

## PRIVATE CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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### 1st John 4: 9-10

*\*LEADER: In this the love of God was made manifest among us,  
that God sent His only Son into the world,  
so that we might live through Him.*

*In this is love, not that we have loved God,  
but that He loved us and sent His Son  
to be the propitiation for our sins.*

### \*How Marvelous

I stand amazed in the presence,  
Of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned unclean

(chorus)

How marvelous, how wonderful,  
And my song shall ever be  
How marvelous, how wonderful  
Is my Savior's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own  
He bore the burden to Calvary  
And suffered and died alone

(repeat chorus)

When with the ransomed in glory,  
His face I at last shall see  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of his love for me

(repeat chorus 2x)

Is my Savior's love for me

# \*O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love,  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

TEXT: Phillips Brooks MUSIC: Lewis H. Redner

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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# 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,  
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 is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick 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.

(Note: Although not written by the apostles, this creed is a summary of their teachings. Though its origin is traced to the second century, it developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. For the sake of clarity, please note that we believe that Jesus suffered the agony and punishment of Hell on the cross, most especially when He knew that He had been forsaken by His Father, and that He died a real death from which He was resurrected. We believe also that "holy catholic church" refers to the church universal.)

## PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

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*Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple." Please make checks payable to Grace PCA, with "General" or "Building" included in the check memo.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SERMON: MICAH 5:2-6**

George Boomer

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**ALL: The grass withers and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.**

## LORD'S SUPPER

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# Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; at His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the everlasting King.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Glorious in faithfulness.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

(chorus)

Jesus, my life. Jesus, my strength.  
Jesus, my love. All to You, All to You, Jesus.

Angels, help us to adore Him, Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him; dwellers all in time and space,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise with us the God of grace.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

(repeat chorus)

Fatherlike He tends and spares us, well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Widely still His mercy flows.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

WORDS: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

# I Will Trust My Savior Jesus

I will trust my savior Jesus, when my darkest doubts befall  
Trust him when to simply trust him, seems the hardest thing of all

I can trust my savior Jesus, trust him when my strength is small  
For I know the shield of Jesus, is the safest place of all.

(chorus)

Jesus, only Jesus, help me trust you more and more  
Jesus, only Jesus, may my heart be ever yours

I will trust my savior Jesus, he has said his way is best,  
For I know the path he's chosen, leads to everlasting rest

(repeat chorus 2x)

Oh on the cross, how it was seen  
I can go now ever trusting in the one who died for me  
What could I bring for your gift is complete  
So I trust you, simply trust you, Lord, with every part of me (repeat)

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## \*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to him belong.  
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

(chorus)

O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess, Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh, unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

(repeat chorus)

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## BENEDICTION

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## DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

## AFTER SERVICE PRAYER

Scott Rask & Don Griffin

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*It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation during the prayers of the people, please email [prayer@gpca.church](mailto:prayer@gpca.church) or contact one of the pastors prior to the service with your request. If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.*

## \*CONGREGATION WILL STAND

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