

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Jason W. Crosby

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

INTROIT

How Great Our Joy!

Chancel Choir; June Bailey, conductor; Louie Bailey, piano

17th century German carol
arr. Hugo Jüngst/John Rutter

While by my sheep I watch'd at night glad tidings brought an angel bright; how great my joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high. There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a child today.
There shall he lie in manger mean, who shall redeem the world from sin; how great my joy!
Lord, evermore to me be high, then shall my heart be fill'd with joy! How great my joy!

INVOCATION

If spoken in a language that is unfamiliar to you, worshippers are invited to silently pray for God's presence to be felt in hearts and minds through our worship.

*HYMN OF PRAISE 146 (G J)

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH, arr. John Rutter

LIGHTING THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT – JOY

The birth of Christ brought forth into the darkness of this world a great light.

Thanks be to God.

In Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection, we find our greatest joy.

Thanks be to God.

Our Savior, however, promised to come again to fully redeem humanity and creation.

Thanks be to God.

This Advent season may we celebrate gifts already found in Christ and faithfully anticipate God's gifts yet to come.

May we prepare the way.

*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:46b-55

Anne-Britton Arnett

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Breath of Heaven

Amy Grant

Mera Kathryn Corlett, vocals; Louie Bailey, piano

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andrea V. Woolley

THE MUSIC OF CHILDREN

A Waiting Carol

Helen Kemp

Elementary Choir; Louie Bailey, conductor; Bobbie Thomason, piano; Allison Hammons, flute

He's coming! He's coming! Oh, tell us, who is coming? Lord Jesus is coming to light our lives again!
Each candle is saying, "Get ready for his birthday." Prepare us to greet him with love and joy, we pray.
We wait with joy to greet you. We wait with love to meet you.
Come quickly! Quickly come! We wait with joy, come, holy Boy!
Oh come, see the candles, they sparkle with light. They help us to wait for the day of delight!
Come, lift up your voices, prepare for the Boy. The birth of the Christ child will fill us with joy!

Helen Kemp; ©1991 Choristers Guild

*HYMN OF JOY

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

REFRAIN: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn.
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. REFRAIN

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. REFRAIN

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. REFRAIN

Rory Cooney, 1990; based on the Magnificat, Luke 1:39-56

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

ABUNDANT JOY

Jason W. Crosby

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brittani M. Bair

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Karen Youth Ensemble

*DOXOLOGY

O Source of Joy, the Giver and the Gift

VENI EMMANUEL

O Source of Joy, the Giver and the Gift,
With glad and gen'rous hearts we now uplift
Our voices in eternal praise, for all your gifts that crown our days.
O Lord, our God, our hearts to thee are bound
To share your joy with people all around. Amen.

Louie Bailey, Advent 2012

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND COMMUNITY

We gladly welcome all who desire to unite with the community of faith at Crescent Hill Baptist Church
to come forward during the Hymn of Response and share that decision with the minister.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 157

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IIN DULCI JUBILO

*BENEDICTION

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SILENCE

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on ANTIOCH and IN DULCI JUBILO

Louie Bailey

* Worshipers are invited to rise, in body or spirit.