



Welcome

PINNACLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 25, 2022 | 10:00 am

Nativity of the Lord

Prelude

Away in a Manger
Noël provençal
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

arr. D. Wagner
M. Corrette

Litany for Christmas

Pastors

The grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation to all.

Glory to God in the highest!

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

Glory to God in the highest!

For a child has been born for us,
a Son has been given to us.

Glory to God in the highest!

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest!

To us is born in the city of David
a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest!

And the Word became flesh
and lived among us.

Glory to God in the highest!

Christ is born! Give him glory!
Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!
Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!
O earth, sing to the Lord!
O you nations, praise him in joy,
for he has been glorified! **Amen.**

Words of Welcome

Erik Khoobyarian

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1 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!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

2 True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

*Passing of the Peace

Michael Hegeman

Children's Message

Leah Quarles

Children & 6th-8th Grade Youth remain in worship with their families.

Congregational Response (unison)

No. 547

**Go, my children with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

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Offering Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

No. 136

Refrain:

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!**

**1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. (Refrain)**

**2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)**

**3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)**

*Doxology (What Child Is This, No. 145, v. 3)

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, 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!**

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-14

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Sermon

Seeing the Light

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Communion Hymn

The First Nowell

No. 147, vs. 1-2

**1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

Refrain:

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

**2 They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Table

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Great Thanksgiving Prayer

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One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: As affirmation, let us pray the Lord's Prayer together.

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.

The Words of Institution and Call to the Spirit

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The Sharing

Communion will be served at stations in the center aisle. You are invited to come forward, take a piece of bread and then take a cup of juice. You can then return to your pew by way of the side aisle. Baskets for empty cups are available on your way back to your pew or you may bring the elements to your pew and consume them there and place your empty cup in the rack in the pew. Elders will bring communion to those who wish to remain seated. *So that all may participate in the sacrament, the bread is free of dairy and wheat and the juice is unfermented.*

Music during Communion

(see bulletin music)

He Came Down

Thanksgiving for the Sacrament

Michael Hegeman

***Closing Hymn**

Joy to the World

No. 134

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

***Charge & Benediction**

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Sending Music

Joy to the World!
Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, organ

arr. D. Hustad

*Please rise.

He Came Down

The musical score for 'He Came Down' is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and an organ accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.' The score includes triplets in both the vocal and organ parts. A 'Leader' part is indicated for the final line of the first system: 'Leader: Why did he come?' The organ accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and triplets.

Additional stanzas:

... that we may have light
... that we may have peace
... that we may have joy

Scripture

John 1:1-14

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Notes of Interest

The flowers are given in celebration of the birth of the Messiah - our Immanuel.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For the families of Vista del Camino;
- For Vicki, to recover from a fall;
- For our healthcare workers, first responders, and local and federal government workers who are serving our communities;
- For the people of Haiti and Harmony Ministries;
- For our men and women in the military.

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