

Order of Worship for 1/2/22

10am CST

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Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship.

Leader: Sing praise to God, you faithful, give thanks to God's Holy name!

People: Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: You turn our weeping to dancing, God; and clothe us in gladness.

People: May we praise you and not be silent! We will give thanks to you, O God, forever.

Opening Prayer

Come Holy Spirit and be with us and among us and within us as we gather to worship and Praise God. Give us the courage to open our ears and hearts to what You seek to do in us. Give us the compassion to hear and respond to the needs of those around us and to allow them to shape our sense of direction and call. Give us the confidence to speak aloud the truth that is our story. Give us a voice to ask for what we need. In Jesus Holy name, Amen.

Opening Hymn

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

#22 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!

2.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing; Yonder shines the infant light: *Refrain*

3.

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*

4.

All creation, join in praising God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Response **He Came Down**
#2085 Sing the Faith

1.
He came down that we may have love; (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.

2.
He came down that we may have peace; (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.

3.
He came down that we may have joy; (3x)
Hallelujah forevermore.

**First
Scripture Reading** Isaiah 60: 1-6

Piano Solo **Gesu Bambino**
arr. Bob Krogstad

**Second
Scripture Reading** Ephesians 3:1-7

Sermon **Bearing Light**
Pastor David Comstock

Affirmation of Faith Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.
– from Hebrews 1

Hymn **Arise, Your Light is Come**
#411 Presbyterian Hymnal

1. Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, Which shines on you today.
2.
Arise, your light is come! Flight wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, Good tidings to the poor.
3.
Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones And comfort those who mourn.
4.
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Offertory Call & Offertory Music

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution and Distribution

Communion Music

Prayer following Communion

Closing Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#28 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.
Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow, And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
2.
Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart, and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, And we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
- 3.

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Benediction

Postlude

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