

Order of Worship for 1/9/22

10am CST

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Ringing of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship.

Leader: It is good to give thanks to you, o God,

People: To declare your steadfast love in the morning;

Leader: For you have made us glad by your work;

People: At the works of your hands, we sing for joy.

Leader: We give praise and thanks to our God,

People: Who delivers us from futility and from darkened understanding

Leader: Who is our hope in hard times—

People: Our mighty and everlasting hope,

Leader: Who it is our joy to please,
and our salvation every day.

People: Come, let us worship our God.

Opening Prayer

We turn to you now in praise and worship, O God, trusting the promise of Jesus Christ to be with us whenever two or three gather in his name. Come to us and fill us with your Spirit for we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Opening Hymn

As with Gladness Men of Old

#63 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.

As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most glorious Lord, may we Evermore be led to Thee.

2.

As with joyful steps they sped To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

3.

As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,

All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

4.

Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have allowed our fear to control our actions. We confess that we have allowed our fear fester within us and become anger, hate, and violence. We confess that we have failed to nurture the life of Faith and have refused to draw on our faith as a source of strength and confidence.

God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through life. Forgive us when, like Pharaoh fear drives us to anger and hate and when, like Herod, selfish ambition makes us willing to hurt others. Forgive us when, unlike the magi, we refuse to follow the light you give us. Shine in our lives through the light of your Christ, in whose name we pray. 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**

Exodus 1:15-22 (p. 49)

Piano Solo

O Where is the King?

Richard E. Voorhaar

There came three kings a break of day, All came the Lord to see;
They carried gifts, both rich and rare, To give to Christ the King;
Fine gold, incense, and myrrh they bear,
O where's the King? O where's the King? O where?

**Second
Scripture Reading**

Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 2)

Sermon

"Fear Is the Path to the Darkside" - Yoda

Pastor David Comstock

Hymn

Coventry Carol

Refrain:

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,
by by, lully lullay.

1.

O sisters too, how may we do
for to preserve this day this poor youngling,
for whom we do sing by by, lully lullay? *Refrain*

2.

Herod the king, in his raging,
charged he hath this day his men of might,
in his own sight, all young children to slay. *Refrain*

3.

That woe is me, poor child for thee!
and ever morn and day, for thy parting
neither say nor sing by by, lully lullay! *Refrain*

Offertory Call

Offertory Music

Stables

Peter Mayer

In Bethlehem a manger waits, Long ago and so today, Where hatred-weary people pray, Love will come and lay there.

And so do countless stables stand In hearts as harsh as desert lands,
Rough shelters in the wind and sands, So love will come and stay there.

Love that opens fists of hate, Heaps up gold on beggars' plates, Love that shows a kindly face To enemies and strangers.

And the walls of stables tremble so When the winds of fear and judgement blow,
For a stable hopes in love alone And knows that love's the answer.

O love the prophet's only word, The only lesson left to learn, The only end of heaven's work,
And the only road that goes there.

Love that sees with mercy's eyes, Holds its arms out open wide, Threads its loom with sep'rate lives,
And weaves them all together.

So may the lamps of stables glow Brightly that their light may go For miles in the darkness so
Love will find its way there.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

#286 Presbyterian Hymnal

1.

Give to the winds thy fears; Hope and be undismayed:
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.

2.

Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears thy way;
Wait patiently; so shall this night Soon end in joyous day.

3.

Leave to God's sovereign sway To choose and to command;
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way, How wise, how strong God's
hand!

4.

On God the Lord rely, And safe shalt thou go on;
Fix on God's work thy steadfast eye, So shall thy work be done.

Benediction

Postlude

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