

Service for the Lord's Day December 13, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude "Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night"

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

Threshold Moment & Lighting of Candles

Hymn #149 All Hail to God's Anointed



Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession by Kelly Hall, from the Work of the People God, can You hear us?

Do our voices reach You

Calling, crying...throats parched.

Our flame is but a flicker, about to be put out.

We confess our hope to live.
To truly live and extend Your radiance throughout the earth,
But our light, though profound, doesn't end the darkness
(the dark that lingers in us and among us)
Like Your light does.

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

Passing of the Peace

Take out your phone and text to a church member, friend or family member - "The Peace of Christ be with you."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination adapted from a poem by Ann Weems

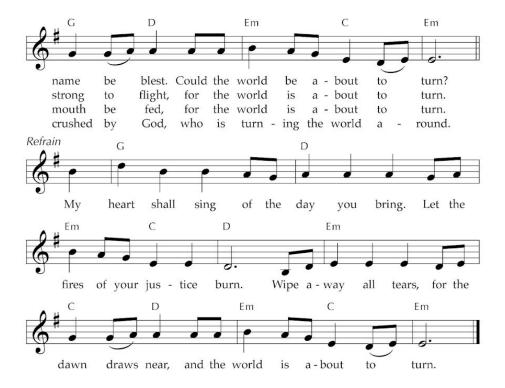
Special Music "Savior of the Nations, Come" Rev. Becky Brown, Bowed Psaltry

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-56

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn #100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout





Joys and Concerns of the Congregation/ Pastoral Prayer

Comment on Facebook if you have a joy or concern to be shared. You can also email or call the church with prayer concerns. Tomorrow we will send a list of prayer concerns over email to our community.

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 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.

Offering

Your offerings support the mission and ministry of Eastminster Presbyterian Church. You can give online by going to http://www.eastminsterchurch.org/give/online-giving/

Hymn #611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love! 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays; 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan. Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove. stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise. di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan. Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife. - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day. chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee. - ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

Charge & Benediction

Handbell Benediction

Postlude Wexford Carol

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Advent Wreath Lighters: Heitman Family

Special Music: Rev. Becky Brown

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver Tech Guru: Heather Myer

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