

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 16, 2018

*To protect the Worship environment,  
please, no drinks in the Sanctuary, and remember to turn off cell phones.*

## THE GATHERING

### \* Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

(chorus)

Glo- - -ria in excelsis Deo,

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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?

(repeat chorus)

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

(repeat chorus)

See within a manger laid Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, with us sing our Savior's birth.

(repeat chorus)

TEXT: Traditional French carol MUSIC: Traditional French melody

### \*THE ANNOUNCEMENT

LEADER: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.  
Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17

### \*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \*THE LIGHTING OF THE SHEPHERD CANDLE

8:15 am: Cameron & Courtney Bernard

10:45 am: Jon & Kristina Marburger and Family

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:6-7

**\* Only a Holy God**

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendor outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

(chorus)

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only  
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

(repeat chorus 2x)

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God, only my Holy God

(repeat chorus 2x)

Come and worship the Holy God

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**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**THE PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Luke 2:7 - 20

**RESPONSE TO THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**All: The grass withers and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.**

**THE FIRST HOMILY: Luke 2:10-16**

Ryan Randolph

## THE PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**ALL:** Our Father in Heaven, who gave your son for us,  
we are unworthy of your inexpressible gift.  
Through Him You have loved us,  
yet we have not loved You as we ought, nor loved one another.  
He humbled Himself, taking the form of a servant,  
yet we remain proud and reluctant to serve.  
In Him is all wisdom and knowledge,  
yet we think ourselves wise.  
You placed the guilt of sinners upon Him,  
yet we are hesitant to confess.  
He is the way, the truth and the life,  
yet we struggle to repent and believe.  
He has been made in every way like us, yet without sin, and so sympathizes with our weaknesses,  
yet we neglect to pray.  
He has given us new life by His Spirit,  
yet we often live as we once lived.  
Forgive and blot out our sins through the incarnate life and willing sacrifice of Your holy Son, our Lord  
Jesus. And through His Spirit enable us to live as is becoming one who trusts in Christ.

**PRIVATE** (A time of silence is kept for confession of personal sins)

**LEADER:** "Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" Luke 2:14

### **\*How Deep**

You were broken that I might be healed.  
You were cast off that I might draw near.  
You were thirsty that I might come drink,  
Cried out in anguish that I might sing:

(chorus)

How deep is Your love,  
How high and how wide is Your mercy.  
How deep is Your grace,  
Our hearts overflow with praise  
To You.

You knew darkness that I might know light,  
Wept great tears that mine might be dried.  
Stripped of glory that I might be clothed,  
Crushed by Your Father to call me Your own.

(repeat chorus 2x)

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## THE DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Although giving is a significant part of worship, we do not collect the offering during our service. Two boxes are placed by the doors to receive your offering. Tithes and offerings for the General Fund are placed in the box without the "steeple." Offerings for the Building Fund are to be placed in the box with the "steeple," with check payable to Grace EPC Building Fund.

## THE WELCOME

At this time, please fill out the friendship register found at the side aisle. As the register is passed, please note those with whom you are worshipping so that you can greet one another after the service. If this is your first Sunday at Grace, please accept our invitation to worship with us again soon. If you would like information about Grace EPC, please take one of our brochures from the table in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home, please let us know and we will be happy to visit with you.

(CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR THEIR CLASSES AT THIS TIME:  
K-4TH GRADE — LINE UP IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE SANCTUARY.  
CONNECT CLASS [5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE] HEAD DIRECTLY TO ROOM 7)

*(THOSE WHO ARRIVE AFTER THE SERVICE HAS BEGUN MAY BE SEATED AT THIS TIME)*

THE SECOND HOMILY: Luke 2:17-19

Chad Donohoe

### \*THE NICENE CREED

**ALL:** We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scripture,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicaea {325}, and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon {451}. It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.)

## \* My Name is on His Heart

Praise the Lord, my burden's laid aside  
Praise the Lord, the guilt no longer mine  
And if I should stumble in the dark  
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

Praise the Lord, the shepherd, He has come  
Praise the Lord, He left to look for one  
Even if my soul should wander far  
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

(chorus)

Find rest, o my soul  
Find rest in Him the Lord  
He is my rock and my salvation,  
My fortress, and I will never be shaken

Praise the Lord, the day is almost here  
Praise the Lord, I long to meet Him there  
And with Him I dwell and never part  
Praise the Lord, my name is on His heart

(repeat chorus x2)

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## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

### THE THIRD HOMILY: Luke 2:20

Rick Pratte

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Table of the Lord is open to each person who acknowledges himself/herself to be a sinner in the sight of God and without hope for salvation except in His sovereign mercy; who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners; who receives and depends upon Christ alone for salvation as He is offered in the gospel; and who promises and resolves in humble reliance upon the Holy Spirit, to endeavor to live as becomes a follower of Christ.

If this is your profession of faith, you are welcome at the Lord's Table. As you come, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.

### How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole, and calms the troubled breast;  
'Tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place,  
My never failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace!

Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend, my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
My Lord, my life, my way, my end, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart, and cold my warmest thought;  
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

'Til then I would Thy love proclaim with every fleeting breath,  
And may the music of Thy name refresh my soul in death.

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## Peace Has Come

Behold the star of Bethlehem, the Word of God has become flesh  
Unto us a child is born, the Savior of this broken world

(chorus)

Oh, hear the angel voices, sing come let us adore Him  
Peace has come for our King is with us

Fully God and fully man, He comes for all with open hands  
He rules with love on David's throne, all praise belongs to Christ alone

(repeat chorus)

Holy, holy, holy, Jesus, we adore Thee  
Peace has come for our King is with us  
Holy, holy, holy, Jesus, we adore Thee  
Peace has come for our King is with us

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord  
We'll give him all the glory, we'll give him all the glory,  
We'll give him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

(repeat chorus)

Peace has come for our King is with us

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## God With Us

You've come to bring peace, to be love, to be nearer to us  
You've come to bring life, to be light, to shine brighter in us  
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

(chorus)

Our Deliverer, You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over everything, our Redemption, God with us  
You are God with us

You've come to be hope, to this world, for Your honor and name  
And You've come to take sin, to bear shame, and to conquer the grave  
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

(repeat chorus)

You are here, you are holy, we are here to give you glory (Lord) (4x)

Our Deliverer, You are Savior  
In Your presence we find our strength  
Over everything, our Redemption, God with us

(repeat chorus)

You are God with us

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## THE PRAYER ON THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**\*ALL:** Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; as we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## THE SENDING

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**\*THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**ALL:** Christ has come. Christ is coming again. Hallelujah!

**\*#625 Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## AFTER SERVICE PRAYER

It is our sincere desire to pray effectively for the particular needs of those worshipping with us this morning. If you have a prayer concern that you want shared with the congregation during the prayers of the people, please call the church office or one of the elders prior to the service with your request. If you desire prayer on a personal matter, we invite you to meet with the elders in the front pews after the Benediction.

Available for prayer after 8:15 am worship: Scott Rask & Kim Grubbs  
Available for prayer after 10:45 am worship: Todd Koch & Michael Boulton

\*Congregation will stand.