

December 24, 7:30pm, Christmas Eve Order of Worship

Prelude “Canon in D/The First Noel” – arr. Joseph Martin
 - Norma Swain, pianist

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
 Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

P The true Light which gives light to everyone, has come into the world.
C **The very Son of God is Jesus, our Emmanuel.**
P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.
C **The Virgin Mary’s first-born Son is Jesus, our Emmanuel.**
P To all who receive Him, who believe in His Name, He gives power to
become the children of God.
C **The Savior, Christ, is born. God is with us, Emmanuel.**
P The life He brings gives life to all people.
C **We have seen His glory, the glory of the Father’s only Son.**
P Glory to God in the Highest and peace to His people on earth.

Entrance Hymn *Oh, Come All Ye Faithful* verses 1&3

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!

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

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Special Music "Jesus is Born Today" - Grier & Mengel
- Hummelstown Community Singers

The First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Psalm 96

- L Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- C Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**
- L Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- C For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**
- L For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- C Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**
- L Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- C Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**
- L Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!
- C Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- L Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- C let the field exult, and everything in it!**
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
- L before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own

possession who are zealous for good works.

Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Carol Verse: *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Good Christian men, 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!

Children's Sermon

Special Music "A Gospel Noel (Oh Come Little Children)" -Greg Gilpin
- Hummelstown Community Singers; Soloist: Douglas Long

Sermon

Anthem "Go Tell it On the Mountain" - arr. Donald Moore
- Hummelstown Community Singers
- Soloist: Lawrence Bortner, baritone

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

P Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence for prayer

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us pray together as our Savior has taught us:

C 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Sending Hymn *Silent Night*

German

- Ricky-Lynn Perrine, soprano

English

- Hummelstown Community Singers

American Sign Language

-ASL Interpreter: Bryce Evans

The Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Special Sending Music “Joy: A Medley of Carols” - arr. Jay Althouse

- Hummelstown Community Singers

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship Today:

Presiding Worship Leader:

Pastor Karin Pejack

Minister of Technology:

Catherine Germann

Lector:

John Copper

Pianist:

Norma Swain

Soloists:

Lawrence Bortner

Douglas Long

Ricky Perrine

Guest Vocal Ensemble:

Hummelstown Community Singers

American Sign Language Interpreter:

Bryce Evans

The following members of Zion's Chancel Choir sing with the Hummelstown Community Singers (HCS) on today's anthems: Lawrence Bortner, Catherine Germann, Marianne Germann, Ricky-Lynn Perrine, and Kenneth Straub. Douglas Long, who has sung at WOW Services at Zion, also sings as part of the group.

Next Online Worship Service: Sunday, December 27, at 10:15am

Service of Lessons & Carols

Information to attend via Zoom or to stream on YouTube available at

www.zionharrisburg.org