

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

DECEMBER 27, 2020

First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.” - Galatians 4:4-7*

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE

“Mary, Did You Know”

Soloist: Matt Petrozelli, Pianist: Mary Elizabeth Rawley

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Almighty God,
you wonderfully created,
and yet more wonderfully restored,
the dignity of human nature.

*All: In your mercy,
let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ
who came to share our humanity,
and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN:

“What Child Is This”

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap s sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!**

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, we name You as Emmanuel – ever-present, God with us. And yet we fail to recognize You in our daily lives: Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts, and we hide our true feelings. Sometimes fear makes us small, and we miss the chance to give courageously. Sometimes doubt invades our

hopefulness, and we assume we are stuck. We seek Your mercy in this New Year. Set us free from a past we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in Your image and likeness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sung response:

“Gloria Patri”

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Prophets:

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Gospel:

Luke 2:22-40

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON:

“Not Yet Ready To Be Dismissed”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

“Away in a Manger”

Mary Elizabeth Rawley

CALL FOR OFFERING

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Angels, We Have Heard on High”

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Participating in today's Worship and Fellowship are . . .

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| Pastor: | Rev. Christopher W. Scrivens |
| Director of Family Ministries: | Deacon Melissa Ash |
| Music Director: | Matt Petrozelli |
| Organist: | Mary Elizabeth Rawley |

Welcome to our virtual Worship service.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, January 3: Jeremiah 31:7-14 and *Psalm 147:12-20*;
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1: (1-9) 10-18



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