

# GOOD HOPE

Presbyterian Church

December 8, 2019

## Lord's Day Morning

PRELUDE

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

I John 1:1–2

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us.”

HYMN 195

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

HYMN

*When Love Came Down to Earth*

When Love came down to earth  
And made His home with Men,  
The hopeless found a hope,  
the sinner found a friend.  
Not to the powerful  
But to the poor He came,  
And humble, hungry hearts  
Were satisfied again.

*Chorus:*

*What joy, what peace has come to us!  
What hope, what help, what love!*

When every unclean thought  
And every sinful deed  
Was scourged upon His back  
And hammered through His feet.  
The Innocent is cursed,  
The guilty are released;  
The punishment of God  
On God has brought me peace.

*Chorus:*

*What joy, what peace has come to us!  
What hope, what help, what love!*

Come, lay your heavy load  
Down at the Master's feet;  
Your shame will be removed,  
Your joy will be complete.  
Come crucify Your pride,  
And enter as a child;  
For those who bow down low  
He'll lift up to His side.

*Chorus*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Micah 5:2–5a

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth. And He shall be their peace.”

THE NICENE CREED

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 Scriptures, 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 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.

HYMN 221      *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

CHILDREN'S STORY

*(Children ages 3 and under may be dismissed to the nursery).*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS      II Corinthians 8:9, 9:15

**Leader:** "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

**People:** Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

CHOIR      *The Wexford Carol*      Larry L. Finke

Good people all this Christmas time,  
consider well and bear in mind  
What our good God for us has done  
in sending His beloved Son.  
With Mary lowly we should pray  
To God with love this Christmas day;  
In Bethlehem upon that morn  
There was a blessed Messiah born.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep  
their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep,  
To whom God's angels did appear,  
which put the shepherds in great fear.  
"Prepare, go," the angels said,  
"to Bethlehem, be not afraid:  
there you'll find, this happy morn,  
a princely babe, sweet Jesus born."

With thankful heart and joyful mind,  
The shepherds went the babe to find,  
And as God's angel had foretold,  
They did their Savior Christ behold.  
With-in a manger He was laid  
And by His side the virgin maid,  
Attending on the Lord of all,  
So lowly laid in ox'es stall.

HYMN 197      *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

*(Children ages 4 to 8 may be dismissed to Children's Church)*

SERMON PASSAGE      Isaiah 40:1–11  
(page 762, blue Bible)

SERMON      *Are You Ready?*      Mr. Waller

HYMN 201      *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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