

GOOD HOPE

Presbyterian Church

*“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had
spoken by the prophet:
‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
and they shall call His name Immanuel’
(which means, God with us).”*

Matthew 1:22–23

December 22, 2019

Good Hope strives to be a Christ-centered community,
loving God and loving people.

Lord's Day Morning

PRELUDE

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP Luke 1:68–69
“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed
His people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of
His servant David.”

HYMN 200 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CHOIR *Ding, Dong! Merrily on High* arr. Barbara Wallace

Ding, Dong! Merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing.
Ding, Dong! Verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

So to shepherds came the word
Sung by the angel chorus,
How our Saviour Christ the Lord,
A Babe was given for us.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

We were yet His enemies
When Jesus came to save us.
Brothers, fall upon your knees
In praise for life He gave us.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Isaiah 7:14
“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin
shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”

RESPONSIVE READING

II Peter 1:16–21

Leader: “We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made
known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when
He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the
voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, ‘This is My
beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,’ we ourselves
heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with
Him on the holy mountain.

People: And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to
which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining
in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises
in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of
Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For
no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men
spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy
Spirit.”

HYMN 215 *While by the Sheep We Watched at Night*

CHILDREN’S STORY

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Romans 11:33–36
II Corinthians 9:15

Leader: “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge
of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how
inscrutable His ways!
‘For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been
His counselor?’
‘Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?’
For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be glory forever. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Upon My Lap My Sov'reign Sits* Martin Peerson
Alison Wall, solo Allison Monroe, vielle

Upon my lap my Sovereign sits and feeds upon my breast;
Meanwhile, His love sustains my life and gives my body rest.
When Thou hast taken Thy repast, repose my Babe on me;
so may Thy mother and Thy nurse, Thy cradle also be.

Sing lullaby my little Boy, Lulla lullaby.
Sing lullaby, my sweetest Child,
My life's Joy, lullaby.

My Babe, my Bliss, my Child, my Choice,
My Fruit, my Flower, and Bud.
My Jesus and my only Joy, the sum of all my good.
Three kings their treasures hither brought,
of incense, myrrh, and gold.
the heaven's treasure and the King that here they might behold.

Yet as I am, and as I may, I must and will be Thine:
Though all too little for Thy self, vouchsafing to be mine.
This Child I see, this Choice I have, this Infant I embrace.
O endless Comfort of the earth and Heaven's eternal Grace.

HYMN 214 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

“Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed by 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.”

HYMN *Joy Has Dawned*

Joy has dawned upon the world,
Promised from creation—
God's salvation now unfurled,
Hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
Not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love—
Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast,
Vuln'erable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophesy the story.
Gold—a King is born today,
Incense—God is with us,
Myrrh—His death will make a way,
And by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
Given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man,
Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend!
What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem,
Now the Lord of hist'ry.

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

SERMON PASSAGE Matthew 1:18–25
(page 1026, blue Bible)

SERMON *Is Jesus Christ Your Immanuel?* Mr. Waller

HYMN 227 *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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