GOOD HOPE

Presbyterian Church

December 29, 2019

Lord's Day Morning

PRELUDE

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP   Psalm 105:1–6
  Leader: "Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make
      known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing
      praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!
  People: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the
      Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His
      presence continually!
  Leader: Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His
      miracles, and the judgments He uttered, O offspring of
      Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!"

HYMN 218   *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

PRAYER OF ADORATION (in unison)
  It is indeed right and good to give You thanks and praise, Almighty
  God and Everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ Your Son. For when
  He humbled Himself to come among us in human flesh, He fulfilled the
  plan You formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the
  way of salvation. Confident that Your promise will be fulfilled, we now
  watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And
  so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the
  company of heaven to proclaim Your glory, forever praising You.
                                     From the Book of Common Prayer

HYMN 213   *What Child Is This*

CHILDREN'S STORY

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

HYMN   *The First Noel*

The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They look-ed up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far:
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three,
Fell reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the kind of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
Who has made heaven and earth of nought,
And with his blood mankind has bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

RESPONSIVE READING   Matthew 16:24–27, Psalm 73:25–26
  Leader: "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'Whoever wants to be My
            disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and
            follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it,
            but whoever loses their life for Me will find it. What good
            will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit
            their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their
            soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father's
            glory with His angels. and then He will reward each person
            according to what they have done.
  People: Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on
            earth that I desire besides You. My flesh and my heart may
            fail, but God is the strength of my heart and
            my portion forever.'"

HYMN 226   *As with Gladness Men of Old*

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

SERMON PASSAGE   Matthew 13:44–46
  "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man
  found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has
  and buys that field. "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
  in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went
  and sold all that he had and bought it."

SERMON   *The Heart of a Treasure Hunter*
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HYMN 199   *See, amid the Winter's Snow*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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