

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Song of Ascent Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come, behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King;
He, the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, He, the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suff’ring, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father’s plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e’er restrain Him. Praise the Lord! He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope,
Christ, in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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Call to Worship Psalm 150:1-2, 6 Martin Wagner, Executive Pastor

All: Praise the LORD!
Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens!
Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
praise Him according to His excellent greatness!
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

Song of Praise Angels We Have Heard on High *Trinity Hymnal (TH)* No. 214

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession Ephesians 5:15-16

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of
the time, because the days are evil.

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and
deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You
with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry,
and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and
forgive us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your
name. Amen.

Offer of Forgiveness 1 John 4:10

Leader: In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His
Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing Jesus Whispers

Lamb of God, we fall before Thee, humbly trusting in Thy cross;
That alone be all our glory; all things else are vain and loss.

Refrain: Jesus whispers this sweet sentence, “Son, thy sins are all forgiven.”
Faith He gives us to believe, hearing ears and seeing eyes.

Thee we own, a perfect Savior, only source of all that’s good:
Ev’ry grace and ev’ry favor come to us through Jesus’ blood. *Refrain*

When we live on Jesus’ merit, then we worship God aright;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit then we savingly unite. *Refrain*

Hear the whole conclusion of it; great or good, whate’er we call;
God, or King, or Priest, or Prophet, Jesus Christ is all in all. *Refrain*

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Prayers of the People Adam Shields, Director of Community

Worship: that we would set our hearts and minds on things above (Colossians 3:1-3)
Community: for college students who are home
Mission: for Erik and Hara Petrou, Neos Kosmos, Athens, Greece
All Generations: for the architects, contractors, and others who are helping with the
project

Reading of the Scripture

Preaching of God's Word Kevin Teasley

Confession of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come 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.

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning Matthew 26:26-29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it
to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And He took a cup, and when
He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is My
blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell
you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with
you in My Father’s kingdom.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming *with* arr. Craig Duncan
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Closing Hymns All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive,
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow’s gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn. All glory be to Christ.

Refrain: All glory be to Christ our King. All glory be to Christ.
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing. All glory be to Christ.

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above.
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him, the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price.
We’ll take a cup of kindness yet. All glory be to Christ.

When on the day the great I AM, the faithful and the true,
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light.
And we shall e’er His people be. All glory be to Christ.
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Be Thou My Vision *TH* No. 642

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art —
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joy, O bright heav’n’s Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction

Sending

Partaking of the Lord’s Supper at Faith

If you know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, are earnestly repentant of your
sins, are willing to renew your commitment to Christ, and are a member in good
standing with a branch of Christ’s church that preaches Jesus Christ as the only way
to God the Father, we welcome you to partake of this sacrament with us. An usher
will dismiss rows starting at the front of each section.

Please come forward using the center aisle, and wait until an usher directs
you to one of the stations. We encourage families to come together. Please take a
piece of bread and a cup as the trays of elements are passed. Cups with wine and
cups with juice are marked on the trays. You will consume the elements while you
are at the front. Return to your seat by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come
forward, please ask someone near you to alert a server, and an elder will bring the
elements to you.

Children and adults who have not yet professed their faith in Christ or been
admitted to the Table are encouraged to come forward with their families for prayer.
Children and adults should partake only after professing their faith publicly.

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To All

*who desire to worship and pray;
To all who are seeking and desire to find;
To all who are searching and want to know;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are wayward and need a Lord;
To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire freedom;
To all who are lonely or strangers and want fellowship;
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
And to whosoever will come,
Faith Presbyterian Church offers welcome
In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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Upcoming at Faith

For more information, visit us online at faith-pca.org or on the Faith PCA app.

Your year-end giving must be received or postmarked on December 31.

Smart Giving Workshop: Register for a Smart Giving Workshop, provided by the PCA Foundation, on January 11.

The church office will be closed on January 1. KCs will not meet this morning.