

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

November 27, 2022

10:30 am

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Strong Deliverer
Will Benton, organist

Phil Lehenbauer

Choral Introit

Prepare the Way of the Lord
Chancel Choir

Jacques Berthier

Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.

For to us a child has been born, to us a son is given.

**Authority rests upon this one, whose name will be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture Reading

Romans 13:11-14

pew Bible, N.T. pg. 152

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not always welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good. We have too often closed our eyes to the glory that is standing right in front of us, expecting little, and hoping for less.

Forgive us, illumine us, restore our sight and our hearts, that we might see you, and trust you once more.
(moment for silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear this good news: "Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers" (Romans 13:11)

Friends, the nearer we draw to God the more our lives shine with His purpose.

Thanks be to God, who leads us to life that truly is life!

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn of Response No. 97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

Following the time on the steps, children are invited to pick up a lap desk from the west side of the chancel and sit on the floor near their families. This is PRAYground time. The children are provided with coloring and activity pages, as well as other supplies, allowing them to continue exploring today's gospel message.

Hymn No. 188

Jesus Loves Me!

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so, little ones to him belong they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:22-38

pew Bible, N.T. pg. 55

Sermon

Showing Up For Christmas: Simeon and Anna

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Glory to God hymnal, pg. 17
(ecumenical version)

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Awaken and Prepare Us
Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

*The Doxology Hymn No. 606

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Hymn No. 138

Who Would Think That What Was Needed

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

While We Are Waiting Come
Chancel Choir

Don Cason

Postlude

Divinum Mysterium
Will Benton, organist

Phil Lehenbauer

Worship Leaders today are Revs. Dr. Dan and Helen DeBevoise, co-pastors; Robb Ross, choir director; Will Benton, organist.

November Ushers: Susan Gantt, Jane Callahan, Linda Shrieves, Susan Frith, Nancy Jones, Nancy Hunter

O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 97

** May be sung antiphonally.*

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.

Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.
 Trav-eler, bless-ed-ness and light, peace and truth its course por-tends.
 Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.

Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore-tell?
 Watch-man, will its beams a-lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui-et home.

Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.
 Trav-eler, a-ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Trav-eler, we re-joice to-day, for Em-man-u-el has come!

**May be sung antiphonally.*

This unusual dialogue hymn alternates between the voice of a traveler and that of a watchman, setting up an exchange that creates parallels between the coming of dawn and the birth of Christ. The tune is named for a Welsh town whose name means "mouth of the bending river."

138 Who Would Think That What Was Needed

1 Who would think that what was need - ed to trans -
 2 Shep - herds watch and wise men won - der; mon - archs
 3 Cen - tu - ries of skill and sci - ence span the

form and save the earth might not be a
 scorn and an - gels sing; such a place as
 past from which we move, yet ex - pe - rience

plan or ar - my, proud in pur - pose, proved in
 none would reck - on hosts a ho - ly help - less
 ques - tions wheth - er, with such prog - ress, we im -

worth? Who would think, de - spite de - ri - sion, that a
 thing. Sta - ble beasts and by - passed strang - ers watch a
 prove. While the hu - man lot we pon - der, lest our

child should lead the way?
 ba - by laid in hay; God sur - pris - es earth with
 hopes and hu - mor fray,

heav - en, com - ing here on Christ - mas Day.