

## PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

**January 1, 2023**

10:30 am

### **GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Fanfare and Proclamation  
(for a New Year)

Phil Lehenbauer

Call to Worship (Psalm 148 selected verses)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

**Praise the Lord!**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn No. 19

God of Great and God of Small

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 2:10-18

pew Bible, N.T. pg. 205

Call to Confession (Based on Isaiah 63:7-9)

Surrounded by God's everlasting faithfulness, we acknowledge our distress in how we have lost faith, become separated from God and one another. Let us confess our sins to God, our loving and merciful redeemer.

Prayer of Confession (by Father Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*)

**"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."**

(moment of silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon (based on Isaiah 63:7, 8)

During all our distress, God is also distressed, so he sends a messenger who serves him to save us. In love and mercy God has redeemed us.

**Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Hymn of Response No. 134

Joy to the World (verses 1 and 2)

## THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

pew Bible, N.T. pg. 2

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 go 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.*

Sermon

So This is Christmas?

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

\*Affirmation of Faith p. 17

The Apostles' Creed  
(ecumenical)

Glory to God Hymnal

**I 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 from the dead;  
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

Do You Hear What I Hear?  
Faith Graves, soloist

by Noel Regney  
and Gloria Shayne

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup  
Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

\*Hymn No. 152

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright?

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

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

**January Ushers:** Erin Cook, Matt Cook, Clayton Elliott, Doug Lawton, John Rogers and Lee Bessonette.

# God of Great and God of Small 19



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,  
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,  
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,  
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

## Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

# 134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

# What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F)  
 D Bm A D G D A D G

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more  
 2 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From  
 3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an  
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -

(C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G)  
 D A D G D A

love - ly than the noon - day light? 'Tis  
 Ja - cob shall a star pro - ceed," and  
 in - ward light the Lord con - veys and  
 pels us on to seek your face, let

(Am) (D7) (G) (C) (F) (C) (Dm)  
 Bm E7 A D G D Em

sent to an - nounce a new - born king, glad  
 lo! the east - ern sa - ges stand to  
 urg - es them, with ten - der might, to  
 not our sloth - ful hearts re - fuse the

(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)  
 A D A D G A D

ti - dings of our God to bring.  
 read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.  
 seek the giv - er of the light.  
 guid - ance of your light to use.

This 18th-century Latin text calls attention to three kinds of light: the light of the star leading the Magi to the Christ-child, the inward light inspiring their journey, and Christ who is the Light of the world. The simple unison melody unites everything in a gentle arc.