For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11, KJV

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

December 25, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Leaders:
Rev. Jeremy R. Wood, Senior Pastor & Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director

We are God's children called to seek, share, teach, and continue to experience the Word of God.
Ringing of the Bell

Prelude
“Gesu Bambino” Joye Brase

Call to Worship
See! It is Christmas morn again; the hope of the world is born again;
The nations can see the dawn again; new light and new life is come.
The Babe in the manger is here again, driving out hate and fear again;
The Godhead is drawing near again; calling the peoples home.

Invocation

* Opening Carol
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” 184

* Confession
Eternal and gracious God, all year long we pursue power, money, and influence. Yet You come to us in the weakness of the manger. All season long we covet material gifts. Yet You alone offer us the only everlasting gift: Your Son, Jesus Christ, God with us. We confess to You our pride, our faithlessness, and our reluctance to accept Your grace. Through the work of the Lord Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, forgive us, heal us, correct us, and transform us. Then enable us to be still, to know Your presence, and to praise You. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

Gospel Reading
John 1:1-14

Special Music
“Come Let Us Adore Him” Chancel Choir

Epistle Reading
Titus 3:4-7

Sermon
“God Bless Us, Everyone”

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Invitation
The Celebration of Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Communion Prayer
The Lord be with you. And also with you
Open your hearts. We open them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Gifts of God

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Closing Carol “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

* The Lord’s Prayer

* Benediction

* Postlude

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* Indicates where you may stand, if able; bold print indicates where the congregation reads.
Sermon take home sheets are located on the table in the Narthex.
Call to Worship: David M. Prescott
Invocation: Rev. Lia Icaza-Willetts
Confession: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX
Assurance of Pardon: Feasting on the Word, Kimberly Long, editor; adapted from Luke 2:10, 14
Benediction: Aaronic Blessing – Numbers 6:24-26, KJV

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Large print song sheets are available upon request. Please see an usher.
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God.

— Luke 2:13

Charles Wesley

MENDELSSOHN
Felix Mendelssohn
Descant by Paul Lügströnd

1 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King:
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord!
3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness!

1 Peace on earth, and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners
2 Late in time be-hold Him come, Off-spring of the
3 Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal-ing

1 rec-on-ciled!" Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise, Join the tri-umph
2 Vir-gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th'in-car-nate
3 in His wings. Mild He lays His glo-ry by, Born that man no

1 of the skies; With the an-gel-ic host pro-claim,
2 De-i-ty, Pleased as man with men to dwell,
3 more may die; Born to raise the sons of earth,

1 "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!" Hark! the her-ald
2 Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el. Hark! the her-ald
3 Born to give them sec-ond birth. Hark! the her-ald

1 an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King."
2 an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King."
3 an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King." A-men.
Angels from the Realms of Glory

... We have come to worship Him. — Matthew 2:2

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
3. Wise men, leave your contemplation, Brighter visions beam afar;
4. Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,

Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
2. God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light:
3. Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star:
4. Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear:

Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the new-born King. Amen.