

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

### A Word to Worshippers

How much joy will there be in heaven? More than we can imagine, right? But what if heaven came inside you before you went to heaven? Jesus came to open the way to heaven for you. But this heaven is not just something that you experience after death. If the very definition of heaven is that place where God Himself dwells, then your own heart can become a little heaven on earth if Jesus resides there. In John 1, Jesus tells us that we will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man. Jesus is the gateway to heaven. Jesus is the place where heaven dwells. To live in Christ now is to get some of heaven into you before you are in heaven.

Sometimes the choir calls us to worship with a stirring "Choral Introit." This morning the Joyful Noises Choir will stir us up to worship by presenting a brief musical concert. Our children will point us to the Christ-child Himself. So listen, smile and let the children lead you into the presence of the infant King!

### Meditations for Worship

*"Heaven must be in you before you are in heaven."*

Richard Sibbes

*For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy; "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is contrite." Isaiah 57:15*

### Prelude

"Joy!"

*arr. Chuck Marohnic*

Dave Leeman, piano

### Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

"The Joy Candle"

*The John and Kim Kilbane Family, acolytes*

### \*Call to Worship

Mr. Wichlan

Minister: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.  
*Isaiah 12: 5-6*

People: **Though we have not seen him, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy!**

\*Hymn of Advent Adoration, No. 207 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

\*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. Poteet

## "RADIO J-O-Y!"

### Where the Best Songs are Songs about Christmas

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#### SCENE 1

*Dee Jay*, Morgan Parmar

Choir: "*The Best Songs*" - Olivia Poteet, solo

#### SCENE 2

*The Choir Director*, Bob Gehman; *Chorister 1*, Bekah Stuart;

*Chorister 2*, Julie McCormack; *Chorister 3*, Isaac Stuart;

*Chorister 4*, Lizzie Stone; *Chorister 5*, Luke Gage;

*Pastor*, John McCracken

#### SCENE 3

*Off-Stage Voice*, Renny Gehman; *Dee Jay*; *Pastor*

Choir: "*Mary's Song*" - Kendall Bowser, solo

#### SCENE 4

*Dee Jay*; *Pastor*; Hayden Parmar, *Scoop Newson*

Choir: "*Joseph's Song*" - Hayden Parmar, solo

#### SCENE 5

*Dee Jay*, *Pastor*, Kyle Bowser, *Chris Storm*

Choir: "*The Shepherd's Song*"

Kyle Bowser, Luke Gage, Christopher McCracken, *Shepherds*

Choir: "*The Angels' Song*" (*Angels We Have Heard on High*)

Choir: Gloria in excelsis Deo! (repeat)

Choir & Congregation: (Verse 1)

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?**

**Why your joyous strains prolong?**

**What the gladsome tidings be**

**which inspire your heav'nly song?**

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! (repeat)**

Solo: Elizabeth Kern (Verse 2)

Choir & Congregation:

**Gloria in excelsis Deo! (repeat)**

**SCENE 6**

*Dee Jay, Scoop Newson;*  
*Aubrey Stuart, U-Turn Lavern; Isaac Stuart, Tracy Tackle*  
Choir: "*The Animals' Song*" - Brynn Gage, solo

**SCENE 7**

*Dee Jay, Pastor*  
Choir: "*The Wisemen's Song*" - Trio: Kyle Bowser, Luke Gage, Christopher McCracken

**SCENE 8**

*Dee Jay, Pastor*  
Choir: "*The Best Songs*" (Reprise)  
Choir: "*Joy to the World!*" (Verse 1)  
Choir & Congregation: (Verse 2)

**Joy to the world! The Savior reigns!**  
**Let all their songs employ!**  
**While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains**  
**Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,**  
**Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

*The Joyful Noises*

Kendall Bowser, Kyle Bowser, Brynn Gage, Luke Gage, Elizabeth Kern, Julia McCormack,  
Christopher McCracken, Hayden Parmar, Morgan Parmar, Olivia Poteet, Lizzie Stone, Aubrey  
Stuart, Bekah Stuart, Isaac Stuart

Director: Bob Gehman; Assistants: Renny Gehman, Julie Lantiere  
Accompanist: Karin Elliott; Keyboard: Dave Leeman  
Percussionist: Thomas Primozic; Trumpet: Connor Bowser

**The Collection of Tithes and Offerings**

Mr. Wichlan

**\*Carol Sing:**

"**While by the Sheep**" No. 215 (v. 1, 2, 4)  
"**Away in a Manger,**" No. 204 (v. 1 & 3)  
"**Go Tell It On the Mountain,** No. 224 (Chorus, v. 3, Chorus 2x)

**\*Service of Friendship**

The Rev. John McCracken

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

**\*Scripture Reading**

**John 1:51**

*And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."*

**The Morning Sermon**

**"Heaven Opened for the Humble"**

Mr. McCracken

**\*Hymn of Response**

**"Joy Has Dawned Upon the World"**

*Townend-Getty*

1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, pro - mised from cre - a - tion:  
 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels,  
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;  
 4. Son of A - dam, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som,

God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for e - v'ry na - tion.  
 as the migh - ty Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.  
 Gifts of men from dis - tant lands proph - e - sy the sto - ry.  
 Re - con cil - ing God and man, Christ our migh - ty Champ - ion!

Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,  
 Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,  
 Gold, a King is born to - day, In - cense, God is with us,  
 What a Sav - ior! What a friend! What a glo - rious myst - er - y:

but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus born of Ma - ry.  
 cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - nera - ble and help - less.  
 Myrrh, His death will make a way, and by blood he'll win us.  
 Once a babe in Beth - le - hem, Now the Lord of his - tor - y.

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**\*The Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: "Praise God, all you his servants, small and great."

*Revelation 19:5*

People: **With God's help we will.**

Minister: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man."... "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which means, God with us."

*Revelation 21:1-3; Matthew 1:23*

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\*Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

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