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THE LORD'S DAY

December 13, 2020



PRELUDE

Dr. Thomas W. Bolton, Minister of Music

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Dr. Charles F. DeVane, Jr., Pastor

10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

— *Luke 2:10-11, ESV*

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And also to you!

OPENING HYMN 87

"Joy to the World! The Lord is Come"

ADVENT SONG

Light the light, the fire of life Let the candle reveal His glory. Jesus Christ has come to earth And for us shall come again.
Light the candle of His joy, Light the light of shepherds' coming, Light the candle of His joy, Light the light that shows the way.
Light the light, the fire of life Let the candle reveal His glory. Jesus Christ has come to earth And for us shall come again.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Sue Rawls

SCRIPTURE READING

Tom Jones

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.
10 Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

— *Nehemiah 8:9-10, ESV*

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HYMN 108

"How Great Our Joy"

SCRIPTURE READING

Andrea DeVane

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

— *Hebrews 12:1-2, ESV*

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THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, you heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SOLO

"Joy Has Dawned"
Dr. Bolton

SERMON

"The Worst Sin in the World"
Pastor Chuck

36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. 37 Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" 39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, 40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them." 41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. 42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God. 44 And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. 45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. 47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

— *John 12:36-50, ESV*

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CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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. 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 church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

If you are a baptized Christian and would like to share in Holy Communion, please take one of the sealed bread/cup sets in front of you. Please touch only the one you use and put the empty cup back in its place.

CLOSING HYMN 117

"As With Gladness Men of Old"

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

Members can place regular offerings and visitors can return welcome cards in the offering plates located near the foyer.