



**Reaching Up, Reaching Out
Welcoming Everyone,
Serving in God's Love**

November 20th 2022
9:30 AM

Order of Worship

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O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

Boldface type: The congregation speaks in unison

WELCOME

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

(arr. Wood)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us bow down and worship the King of kings, the Lord of lords.

At this birth the angels proclaimed it.

He is the Wonderful Counselor, Lord Of Lords, King of Kings, the Prince of Peace.

Through his teaching and his life, we have learned how to live to God.

By his death and resurrection, we have been saved and claimed by God as witnesses to God's eternal love.

The King of Kings is raised in glory.

Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.

Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer.

HYMN

Come Ye Thankful People, Come

#694 vs.1–3

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!" Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

His Sheep Am I
David & Sherry Atkins

(Johnson)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:33-43

Liz Heacock

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

HYMN**Let There Be Peace on Earth**

#431

Let there be peace on earth and let it
begin with me. Let there be peace on
earth. The peace that was meant to be
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect
harmony

Let peace begin with me. Let this be the
moment now with ev'ry step I take. Let this
be my solemn vow. To take each
moment and live each moment in peace
eternally. Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.



SECOND SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him, God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, from the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Doug Williams

RESPONSE**Sweet Hour of Prayer**

#496 vs.1

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER**LORDS PRAYER**

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

With gratitude for all the blessings you have poured into our lives, Lord Jesus, we come bringing these gifts so that they may be used in service to those in need. Bless these gifts and those who have given them, that they may truly be a blessing in your holy name. Amen.

HYMN **Now Thank We All Our God** #102 vs.1-3

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

BLESSING

PEOPLES RESPONSE **Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place** #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace, I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

POSTLUDE **God of Grace and God of Glory** (arr. Manz)



Prayer Request

... from Hanne Booth, I am thankful that the election went well so far.

... from Meg Estrada, pray of healing for Joy O'Connor.

... from David & Sherry Atkins, prayers for our friend Judi whose cancer has returned.



Worship Leaders for Today

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