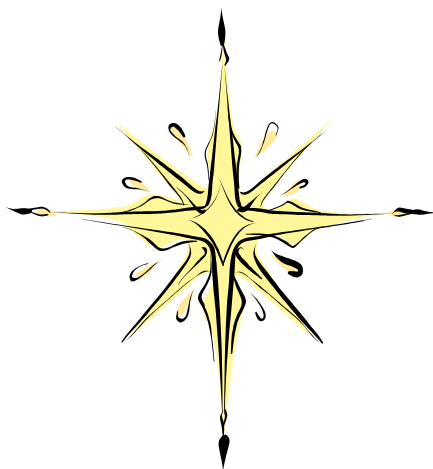


Christmas Eve Service



New Hope Presbyterian Church

6:00 pm

Monday, December 24th, 2018

New Hope Presbyterian Church welcomes all of you to this special service of worship to Christ, who was born a baby on the first Christmas. The manger may seem romantic and idyllic, but was really the first step on the way to the cross. We worship One who didn't remain a baby, but who died - not for his own sins, but for the sins of his people; was buried; rose again from the dead; ascended into heaven, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. He will bring eternal joy and rest to his followers.

Evening Worship

December 24, 2018

Welcome

Pastor Francis VanDelden

Prelude

Call to Worship — Jeremiah 23:5-6

⁵ "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Special Music — Gather 'Round Ye Children

Gather 'round, ye children, come, Listen to the old, old story
Of the pow'r of Death undone by an infant born of glory
Son of God, Son of Man

Gather 'round, remember now how creation held its breath
How it let out a sigh and it filled up the sky with the angels
Son of God, Son of Man

*So sing out with joy for the brave little boy
Who was God, but He made Himself nothing
He gave up His pride and He came here to die, Like a man*

Therefore God exalted Him to the place of highest praises
And He gave Him a name above every name
That at the very name of Jesus, Son of God

So in heav'n and earth and below every knee would bow
In worship and ev'ry tongue would proclaim
That Jesus, He reigns with the angels

Old Testament Reading — Isaiah 11:1-5

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

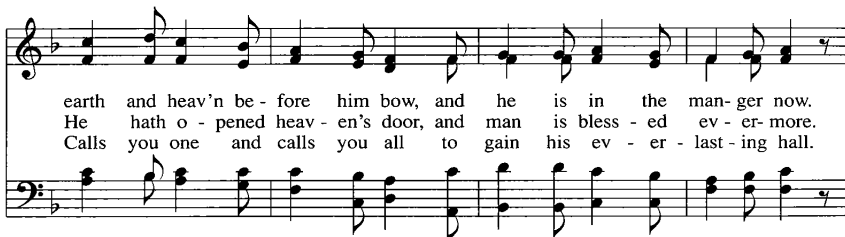
Song of Response — Good Christian Men Rejoice!



1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Response in Song — Angels from the Realms of Glory

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep- herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch- ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright- er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch- ing long in hope and fear,
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 • seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

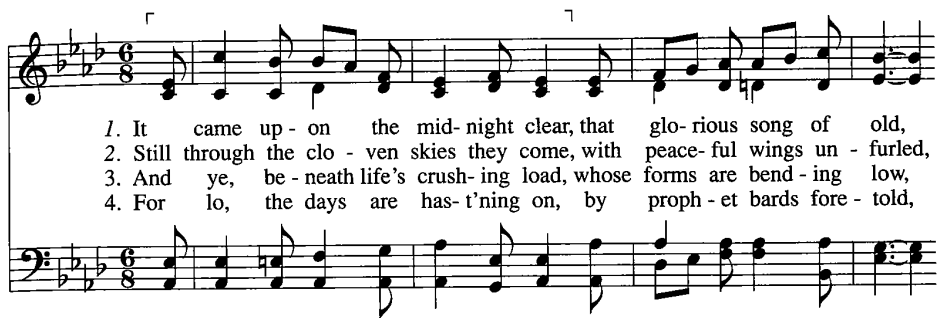
Scripture Reading — Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me
blessed;
⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their
hearts;
⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

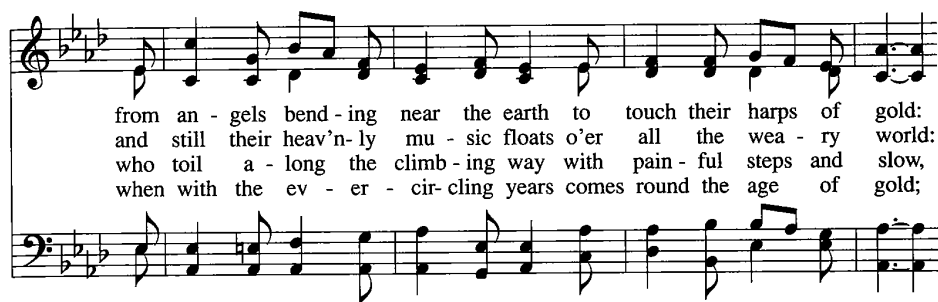
Scripture Reading — Luke 1:68-75

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

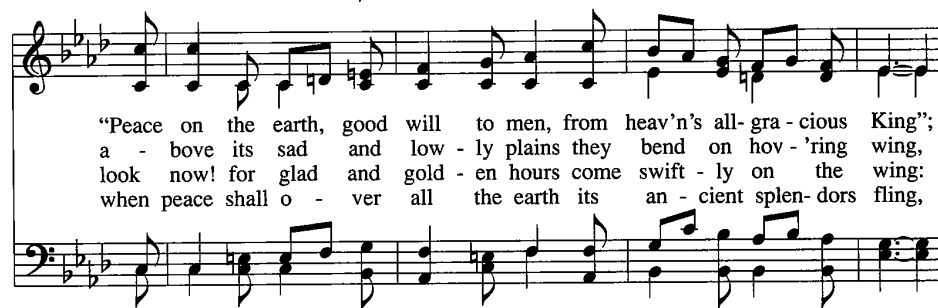
Songs of Response — It Came Upon a Midnight Clear



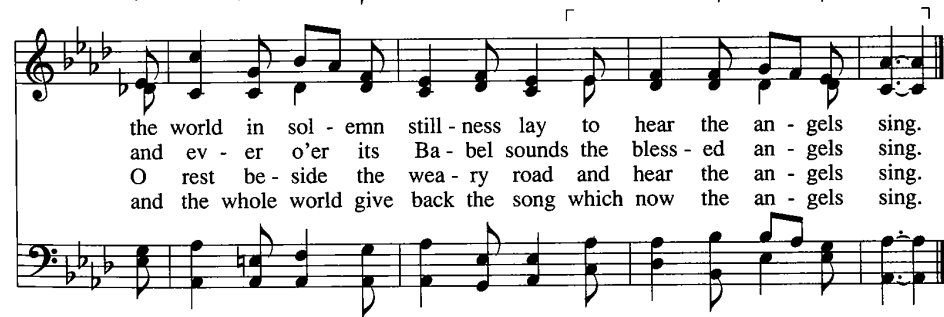
1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4. For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, by proph - et bards fore - told,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years comes round the age of gold;



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav'n's all - gra - cious King";
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing:
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



the world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Response in Song — God Made Low

Prophets promised long ago
A King would come to bring us hope
And now a virgin bears a son
The time to save the world has come

Humble shepherds run in haste
To see the One the angels praised
In cattle stall they find a girl
Who holds the hope of all the world

CHORUS

*Emmanuel has come to us
The Christ is born, Hallelujah!
Our God made low to raise us up
Emmanuel, has come to us*

As He sleeps upon the hay
He holds the moon and stars in place
Though born an infant He remains
The sovereign God of endless days

For all our sins one day He'll die
To make us sons of God on high
Let every heart prepare Him room
The promises have all come true

Sermon Text -- Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Sermon — God Made Low

~Pastor Francis VanDelden

Special Music — You are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all.
Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord to give up I'd be a fool. You are my All in All!

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless your name. You are my All in All.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my All in All!

Christmas Prayer from Valley of Vision - The Gift of Gifts

(responsive in bold)

O source of all good, what shall I render to You for the gift of gifts,
Your own dear Son, begotten, not created,
my Redeemer and Substitute,
His self-emptying incomprehensible,
His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp.

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Herein is wonder of wonders:

***He came below to raise me above,
Was born like me that I might become like Him.***

Herein is love;

***When I cannot rise to Him He draws near on wings of grace,
to raise me to Himself.***

Herein is power;

***When Deity and humanity were infinitely apart
He united them in everlasting unity,
the uncreated and the created.***

He came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost, as
man to die my death,

***To shed satisfying blood on my behalf,
to work out a perfect righteousness for me.***

O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, and en-
large my mind;

***Let me hear good tidings of great joy, and hearing,
believe, rejoice, praise, adore, my conscience bathed in an
ocean of restfulness, my eyes uplifted to a reconciling Fa-
ther;***

Place me among the cattle to look with them upon my Re-
deemer's face, and in Him account myself delivered from sin;

***Let me with Simeon clasp the new-born child to my heart,
embrace Him with undying faith,
exulting that He is mine and I am His.***

For in Him You have given me so much that heaven can give
no more.

I thank You and praise You in Jesus' Name. Amen

Closing Hymn — Joy to the World (page 11)

Benediction

Postlude

Closing Hymn — Joy to the Word

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

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

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n 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 heav'n and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heav'n, and heav'n 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.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

*All are invited to the VanDelden home for a Christmas
 Party after the service. The address is:
 6917 Palace Court, Frederick, MD 21703*