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Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4th Sunday in Advent

December 18, 2022

We see God in each other

God of all generations,
though signs and seasons change,
your promise is faithful
and your word will never pass away.
Give us courage and strength
as we watch and wait
for Jesus Christ, our redeemer,
who is coming in glory to reign. Amen

WELCOME

PRELUDE Prelude on Veni Emmanuel Edward Bairstow

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

*SONG OF PRAISE O Lord, How Shall We Meet You Hymnal, No. 104

*CONFESSION AND PARDON Vince Leseney

God of today and tomorrow,

When Mary was pregnant and afraid, she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house. Elizabeth threw open the door with joy and showered blessings upon her.

How often do we have that same opportunity?

How often do we leave the door locked, the curtains drawn, and the lights off?

How often do we shower critique or judgment instead of blessings and joy?

Gracious God, forgive us for our wrongs. We want to see you when we see our neighbor. Amen. Amen.

(Time of silent reflection)

Let us respond together, using the words from Mary's song:

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant, Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed."

(Luke 1:46:55 NRSV)

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Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE Gloria (refrain only) Hymnal, No. 113

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION Thea McKee

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Alice Lanning

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 832

Luke 1: 46-55

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM When Emmanuel Has Come

Luke 1:39-45; 56-58

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE We See God in Each Other Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout Hymnal, No. 100

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that creation is inextricably linked.

We belong to one another in an undeniable way.

We are bone of bone and flesh of flesh, life breathed into dust.

We believe that God invites us to live into that truth—

to love without abandon,

to see the good in one another,

to trust that all belong to God.

We know that this life of connection is easier said than done,

which is why we gather in this space, week after week,

generation after generation, to be reminded:

We see God in each other.

This we believe. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Doxology (Verse 4) Hymnal, No. 143

All creation join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:

come and worship, come and worship,

worship Christ, the newborn king!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING SONG From Generation to Generation (all verses) Bulletin, p. 7

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

As you leave this place, may you go knowing that from generation to generation, we have been claimed and loved.

From generation to generation,

God has been by our side.

From generation to generation,

we are not alone.

The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth, saying, "Go be the person you are called to be,

love wildly, do justice, and come back soon." May it be so. **Amen**.

*POSTLUDE Sortie: Venez, divin Messie César Franck

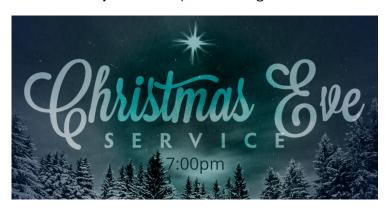
*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for December 25 : Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for **December are winter hats**, **gloves**, **and warm blankets**. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table. Hearing-assistance devices and large print hymnals are available from the head usher.

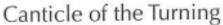
Please join us on Christmas day for worship at the regular time.



O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104



100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout





- 1 My soul cries out with a joy ful shout that the 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
- 3 From the halls of power to the for tress tower, not a
- 4 Though the na tions rage from age to age, we re -



and my spir - it sings of the great, God heart is of my and your mer - cy will last from the work great things in me, Let the king be - ware for your left stone. stone will be on God's mer - cy must de mem - ber who holds us fast:



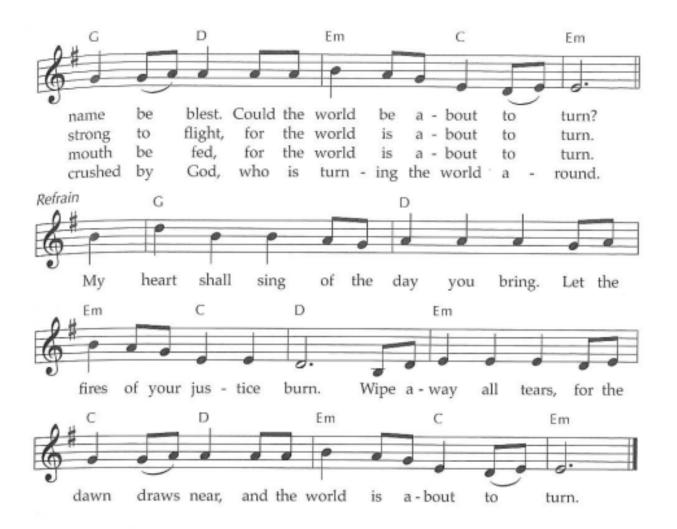
the ones who wait. things that you bring to won - drous be. the to of age depths of the past to the end from his throne. ty - rant ev - ery ius - tice tears con - quer-or's crush - ing from the us



ser - vant's plight, and my sight your You fixed your on shame, and to the proud to Your ver - y name puts more, the for weep shall no The hun - gry poor the heard fore - bears sav - ing that our This word



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



From Generation to Generation = 90 gen-er - a - tion to From gen-er-a-tion, we have shared the Christ-mas sto - ry a man - ger, in who was born Love he's bring - ing. Peace now ring - ing, Joy we're sing - ing, God's great 1. There is ev - 'ry sto-ry. There room is hope through glory. 2. God will meet 3. We can choose in your fear. And both you bring peace and near. a bet - ter way. And find joy in ev - 'ry day. love cach oth-cr.

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