



# ELECT EXILES

*The First Epistle of Peter*

December 7, 2025

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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*Grace Presbyterian Church, December 7, 2025 @ 10:30 am*

†The congregation should stand if able.

*When the Gathering Music begins, please assume a quiet and reverent attitude of worship.*

*Please silence your cell phones.*

## GATHERING MUSIC

Beth McEwen—"Here with Us," "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring,"  
"Glory in the Darkest Place"

## GREETING AND

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Brewer

## ORGAN PRELUDE

Judy Redeker—"Sing We Now of Christmas"  
G. Young, arr.

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Congregation reads bold print)*

Oh sing to the Lord a new song,  
for He has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and His holy arm  
have worked salvation for Him.

**The Lord has made known His salvation;  
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.**

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

-Psalm 98

## CHORAL INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir—"In the First Light"  
Words and Music by Bob Kauflin; Arr. By Dennis Allen

## †INVOCATION

Christian Brewer

## †HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

# O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine  
 3. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's  
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -  
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And  
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, And  
 heart and mind. Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; Fill

til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
 give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

**†PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**THE NICENE CREED**

*(Congregation reads bold print)*

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried;**

**and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;**

**Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

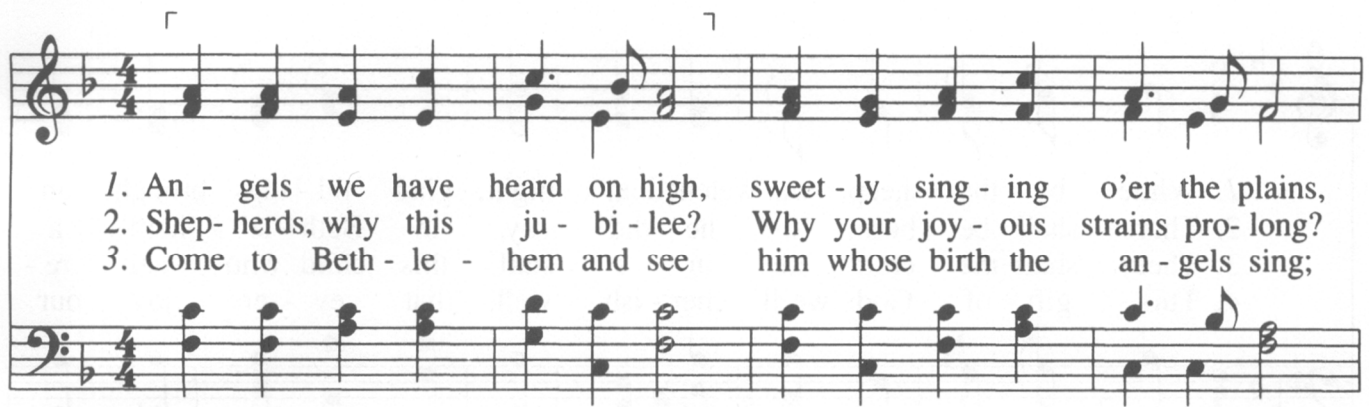
*(\*catholic = universal)*

**†HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

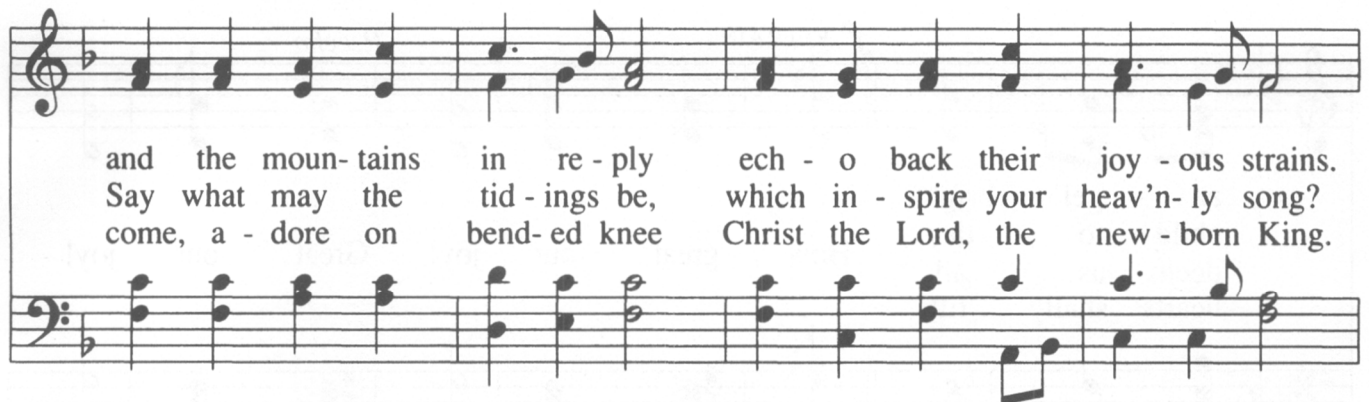
**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**



# ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

REFRAIN



Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,



glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

*The Congregation will be seated.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*(Congregation reads bold print)*

The very stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Come now to Christ, that living stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious. Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame. Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be Your people.  
You have called us to be the church,  
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ  
to our lonely and confused world.  
Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,  
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,  
obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.  
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.  
Remove the obstacles preventing us  
from being Your representatives to a broken world.  
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of Your indwelling Spirit.  
This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen.**

Silent Confession

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Christian Brewer

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Congregation reads bold print)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in  
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we  
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**THE GOSPEL'S ASSURANCE  
OF GRACE**

"All those the Father gives Me will come to me, and whoever comes to Me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of all those He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

-John 6:37-40

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Joy Has Dawned"

# JOY HAS DAWNED

1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, Prom - ised from cre -  
 2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky With the songs of  
 3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, Gaz - ing at the  
 4. Son of A - dam, Son of heav'n, Giv - en as a

a - tion- God's sal - va - tion now un - furled,  
 an - gels As the might - y Prince of Life  
 glo - ry; Gifts of men from dis - tant lands  
 ran - som; Rec - on - cil - ing God and man,

Hope for ev - 'ry na - tion. Not with fan - fares  
 Shel - ters in a sta - ble. Hands that set each  
 Proph - e - sy the sto - ry. Gold - a King is  
 Christ, our might - y cham - pion! What a Sav - ior!

from a - bove, Not with scenes of glo - ry, But a  
 star in place, Shaped the earth in dark - ness, Cling now  
 born to - day, In - cense - God is with us, Myrrh - His  
 What a Friend! What a glo - rious my - st'ry! Once a

hum - ble gift of love - Je - sus born of Ma - ry.  
 to a moth - er's breast, Vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.  
 death will make a way, And by His blood He'll win us.  
 babe in Beth - le - hem, Now the Lord of his - t'ry.

*Please Remain Standing*

**READING AND PREACHING OF  
GOD'S WORD**

Dr. Jon Jacobs— "The Christ Who Proclaimed"  
(1 Peter 3:18-22)

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

For Application of the Word

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE  
LORD'S TABLE**

Christian Brewer — 1 Corinthians 11:23-34  
Julie Danek and Colleen Destree—"Coventry Carol"  
Arr. By Judy Nishimura

**†BENEDICTION / RESPONSE**

(Doxology)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**†POSTLUDE** *If you have questions about today's message, salvation through  
Jesus Christ, or our church, several of our Elders will be at the  
front of the Sanctuary following the Benediction.*

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**Bible Studies**

Men's — Each Thursday at 6:30 am at  
Cabin Coffee and 10:00 am at Grace  
Young Men's — Every other Monday at 7 pm  
at the Brewers' Home  
Women's — 1st, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of  
each month at 10 am at Grace

**Member Care**

If you have special needs, contact your assigned  
elder. Last names beginning with  
A-B Williams; C-G Pedine; H-M Schoeffler;  
N-R Tallman; S-V Matthews; W-Z Saunders.

Deacons are Kurt Spangenberg, Leonard Celaya,  
Mike Fann, Nate Johnson, Steve Rothkopf,  
Jacob Wallace, Mike Ziegenbein.

**Assisted Hearing Devices**

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of the Sanctuary

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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

**Adult Continuing Education (9:15 am)**

**Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12) (9:15 am)**

**Children and Nursery (9:15 am)**

**Nursery (ages 3-24 months)**

Childcare is provided in the nursery.

**Pre-School (ages 2-4 years)**

**Elementary School (ages 5-11)**

**Wednesday Evening Schedule**

**Adult Bible Study — (6:00 pm)**

**Youth Bible Study — (6:00 pm)**

**Covenant Kids (ages 5-11) — (6:00 pm)**

**Sanctuary Choir — (6:00 pm)**

**Sermon Archive**

All sermons and teachings are available at  
[www.sermonaudio.com/solo/jonjacobs/sermons/](http://www.sermonaudio.com/solo/jonjacobs/sermons/)

**Coffee**

Served prior to Sunday School and the Worship  
Service each week.