



# ELECT EXILES

*The First Epistle of Peter*

December 28, 2025

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# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

*Grace Presbyterian Church, December 28, 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—"O Holy Night," "All of Our Tomorrows,"  
"Our God Will Go Before Us"

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andre Schoeffler

## PIANO PRELUDE

Beth McEwen—"Coventry Carol"

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Congregation reads bold print)*

May we rejoice greatly at the first coming of Christ, and may we eagerly await His second coming as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about Him, and cried out, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.')**" For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. "

May we praise His Holy name forever.

—John 1:14-17 (with charge and response)

## †INVOCATION

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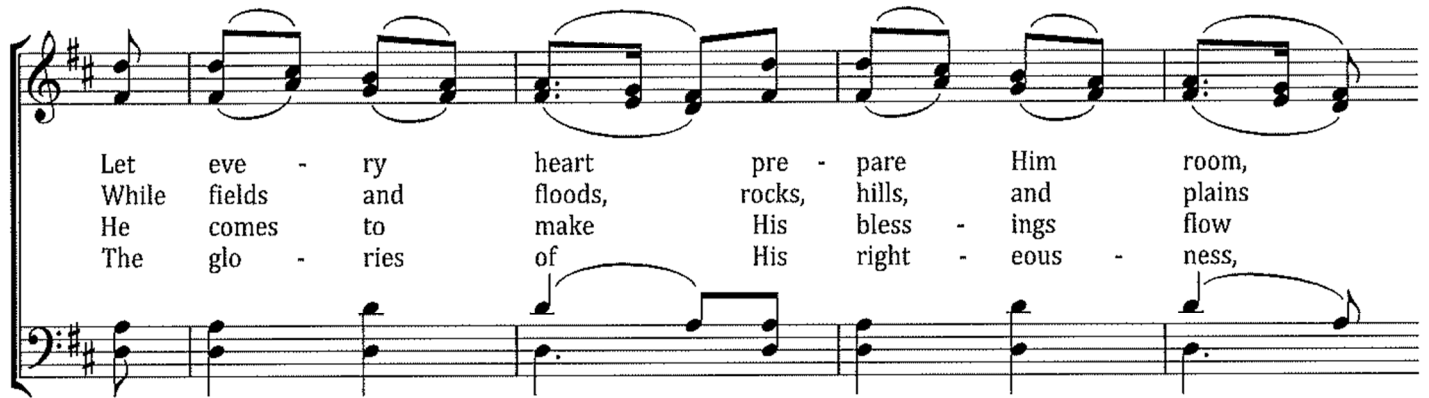
## †HYMN OF PRAISE

"Joy to the World"

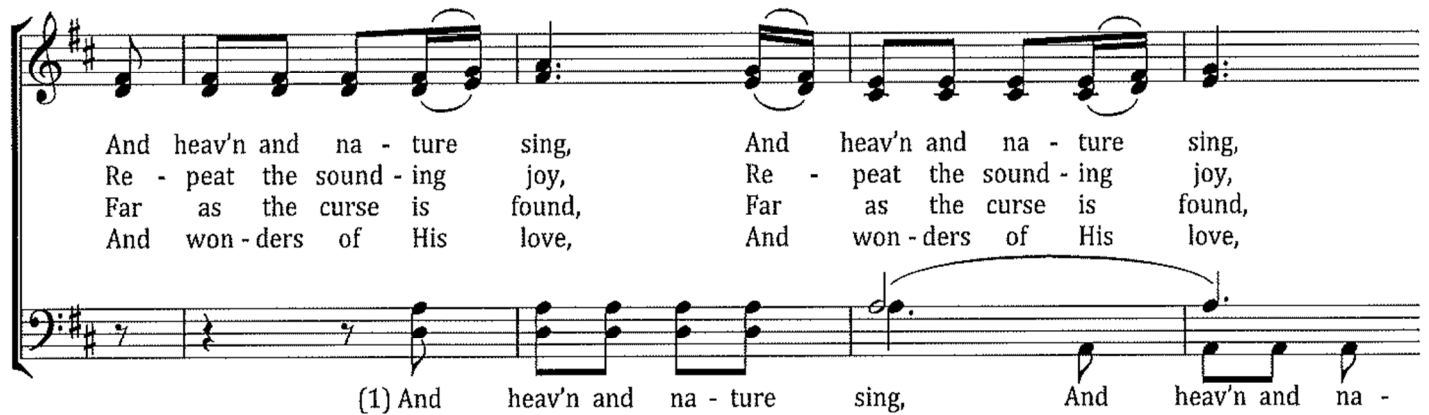
# JOY TO THE WORLD



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



Let eve - ry heart pre - pare Him room,  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 He comes to make of His bless - ings flow  
 The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness,



And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing,  
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy,  
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His love,

(1) And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na -



And heav'n, and heav'n, and na - ture sing.  
 Re - peat, re - peat, the sound - ing joy.  
 Far as, far as, the curse is found.  
 And won - ders, won - ders, of His love.

**†PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

*(Congregation reads bold print)*

**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  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(\*catholic = universal)*

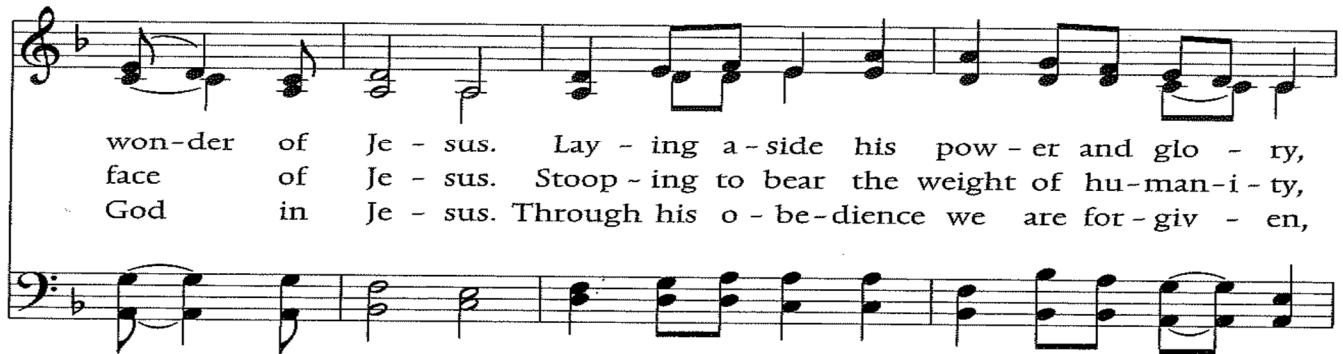
**†HYMN OF AFFIRMATION**

**“Fullness of Grace”**

# FULLNESS OF GRACE



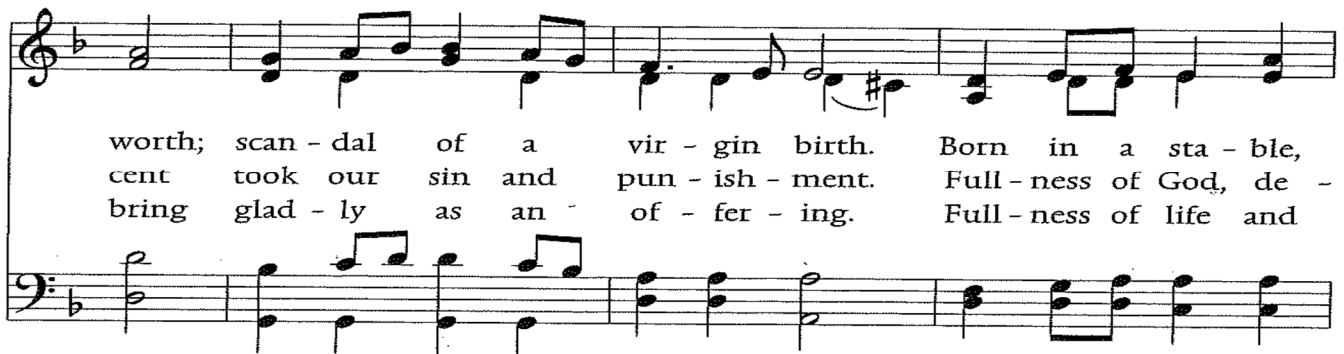
1. Full-ness of grace in man's hu-man frail - ty; this is the  
 2. Full-ness of grace, the love of the Fa - ther shown in the  
 3. Full-ness of hope in Christ we had longed for, prom - ise of



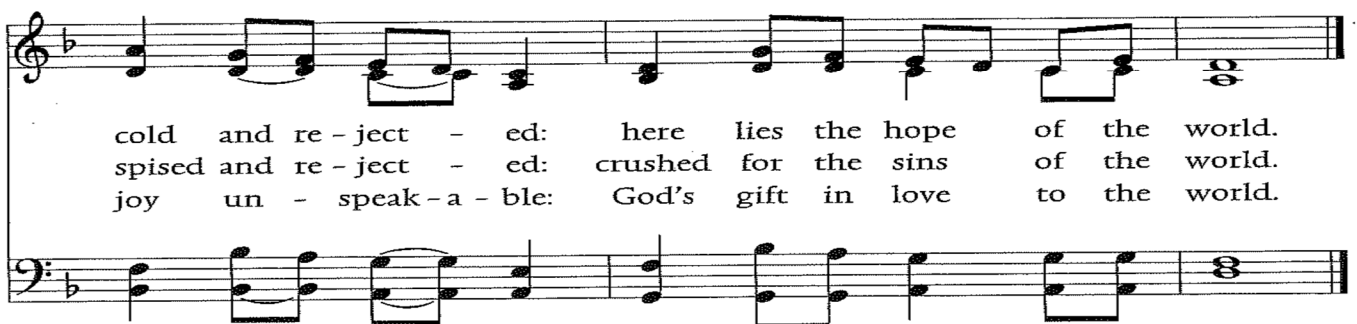
won-der of Je - sus. Lay - ing a - side his pow - er and glo - ry,  
 face of Je - sus. Stoop - ing to bear the weight of hu-man-i - ty,  
 God in Je - sus. Through his o - be - dience we are for - giv - en,



hum-bly he en - tered our world. Chose the path of mean - est  
 walk - ing the Cal - va - ry road. Christ the ho - ly in - no -  
 o - p'ning the flood - gates of heav'n. All our hopes and dreams we



worth; scan - dal of a vir - gin birth. Born in a sta - ble,  
 cent took our sin and pun - ish - ment. Full - ness of God, de -  
 bring glad - ly as an of - fer - ing. Full - ness of life and



cold and re - ject - ed: here lies the hope of the world.  
 spised and re - ject - ed: crushed for the sins of the world.  
 joy un - speak - a - ble: God's gift in love to the world.

*The Congregation will be seated.*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*(Congregation reads bold print)*

As Christians, we rebel against God's law, and because we do, we're called to confess our sins and to repent of our sins. It's not because the sins are merely a matter of our self-expression, but because they are objectively, morally wrong sins against God. When we confess our sins, we don't go before God to confess feeling badly about what we do. We go to God to confess our sins because we have broken His law.

**Holy God, we realize that You know us more intimately than we know ourselves. We come before You now asking You to show us our sin, to make us aware of our failings, to open our eyes to our brokenness. We are wandering sheep that have gone our own way. We need Your wisdom and guidance to show us the path of truth and life, for we are lost without Your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts. Test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance that only comes from You. Do Your transforming work in us so that we can live as Your redeemed people in the world. In Jesus' Name we pray.**

**Amen.**

Silent Confession

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Andre Schoeffler

**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**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ . . .  
In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in  
accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us.

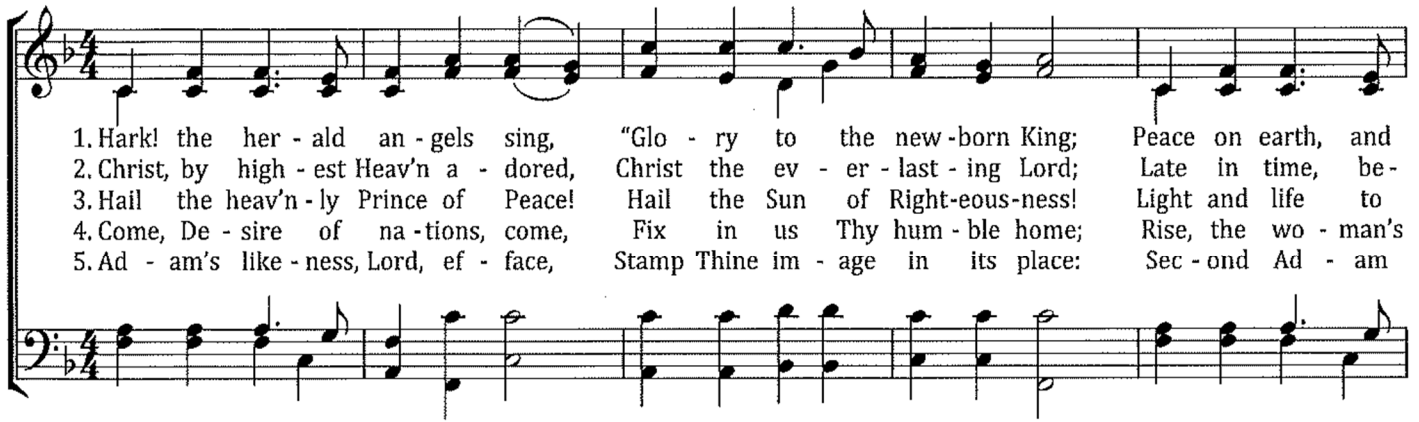
—Ephesians 1:3, 7-8a

**†HYMN OF PREPARATION**

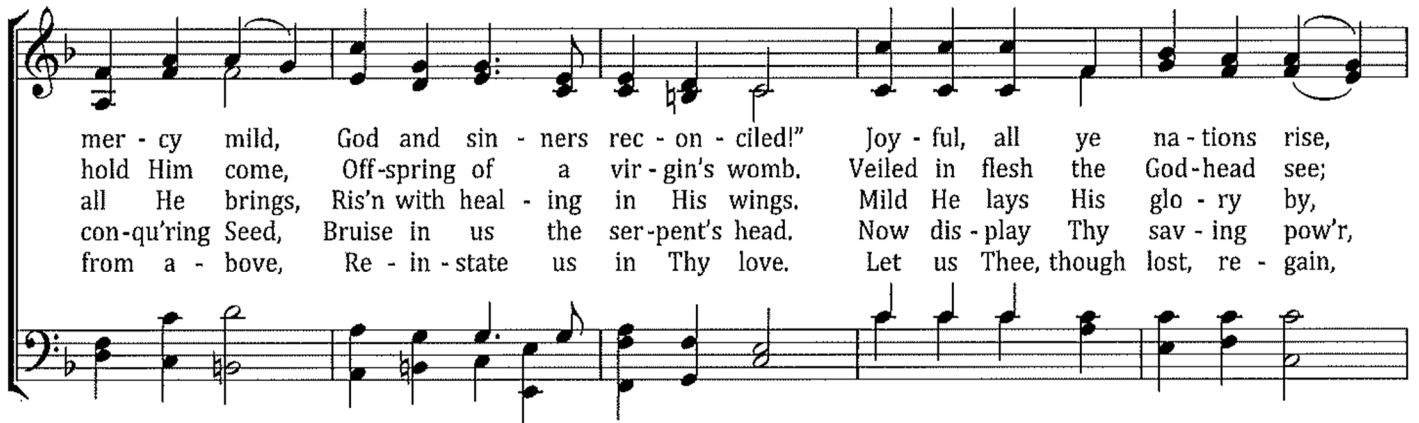
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"



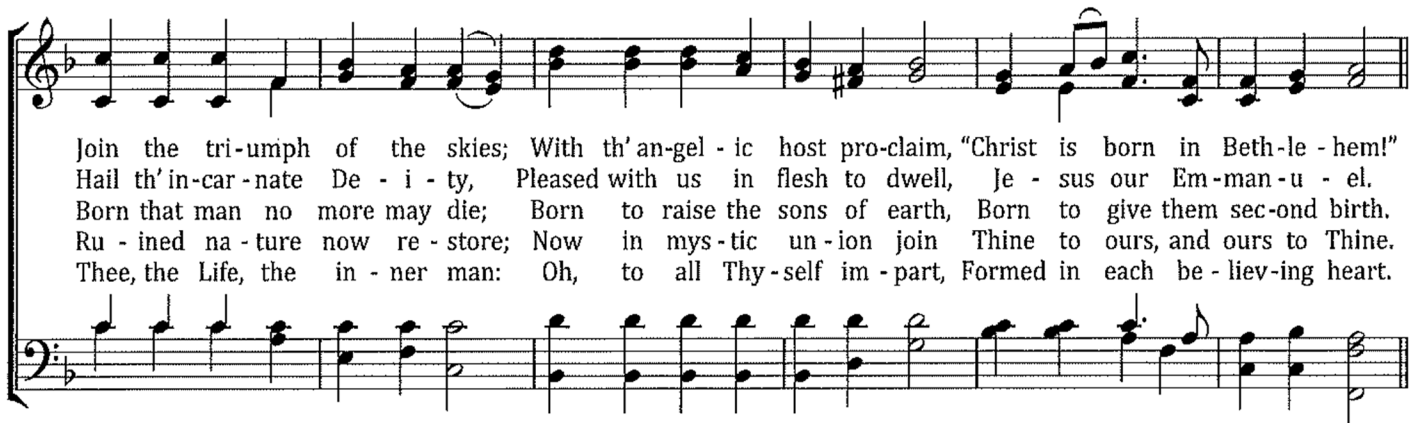
# HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King; Peace on earth, and  
 2. Christ, by high - est Heav'n a - dored, Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord; Late in time, be -  
 3. Hail the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous-ness! Light and life to  
 4. Come, De - sire of na - tions, come, Fix in us Thy hum - ble home; Rise, the wo - man's  
 5. Ad - am's like - ness, Lord, ef - face, Stamp Thine im - age in its place: Sec - ond Ad - am



mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise,  
 hold Him come, Off-spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see;  
 all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings. Mild He lays His glo - ry by,  
 con-qu'ring Seed, Bruise in us the ser-pent's head. Now dis - play Thy sav - ing pow'r,  
 from a - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love. Let us Thee, though lost, re - gain,



Join the tri-umph of the skies; With th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le - hem!"  
 Hail th'in-car-nate De - i - ty, Pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Je - sus our Em-man-u - el.  
 Born that man no more may die; Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.  
 Ru - ined na - ture now re - store; Now in mys - tic un - ion join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.  
 Thee, the Life, the in - ner man: Oh, to all Thy-self im - part, Formed in each be - liev-ing heart.

*Refrain* *rit.*



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

**Please Remain Standing**

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

Rev. Christian Brewer—"Authorities under Authority"  
(1 Peter 5:1-7)

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION**

For Application of the Word

**†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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**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.