

SERMON NOTES

“From Eternity”
Philippians 2:6 | Dr. Neil C. Stewart

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PASTORAL STAFF

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Dr. David Lauten, Senior Associate Minister of Congregational Care
Rev. Josh Squires, Associate Minister of Counseling

JOIN US AT 6:00 P.M. FOR EVENING WORSHIP

Fulfilling All That the Prophets Have Spoken
“Immanuel: God With Us”
Matthew 1:18–25 | Dr. Mark Ross

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DIVINE WORSHIP

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But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children.

PSALM 103:17, ESV

(+ Congregation, please stand if able.)

PRELUDE

Awake, the Voice Calls to Us

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Sean Henderson (8:30AM)

Rev. Bryan Bult (11:15AM)

INTROIT *The Truth from Above* English Traditional Carol

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door
But hearken all, both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate,
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell.

Thus we were heirs to endless woes
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run:
That he would redeem us by his Son.

The Chancel Choir
Led by Joe Wheeler, Music Intern

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ HYMN 193

PICARDY

Final stanza arranged by Chad Fothergill

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

+ INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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.

+ CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ GLORIA PATRI

LADY STREET

Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Binding all the church as one!
As it was in the beginning
As is now and e'er shall be,
World without end! Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON 8:30 A.M.

CHILDREN'S HYMN 8:30 A.M.

As By One Man All Mankind Fell

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

As by one man all mankind fell
and, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
so by one Man, who took our place,
we all were justified by grace.

We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,
new light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
until we reach our journey's end.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, we confess that our thoughts of Christ are too small. Though He is true God of true God, begotten before all worlds, we often treat Him as an afterthought—One we call on only in trouble. We forget His eternal majesty and approach Him with casual hearts. We have not taken on His mind or His Spirit; our pride keeps us from such humility. Forgive us for failing to honor the Son as we honor You, for doubting His power, and for neglecting His Kingdom. Lift our eyes to behold His glory, enthrall our hearts, renew our worship, deepen our reverence, and enlarge our faith in the One who is from eternity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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. No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

(John 1:16–18, ESV)

MORNING PRAYER

+ HYMN 221

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story, proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of glory, was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped and in the manger found him,
As angel heralds said.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us
And lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know,
Bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Arranged by Alan Bullard

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all, but now I see,
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

The Chancel Choir
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DOXOLOGY

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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.

(During the 11:15 a.m. service, K4 and K5 children may leave for Children's Church. Parents should come for them in the Education Building, Room 107.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 2:6

(Pew Bible page 980; Children's Bible page 1273)

Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped

SERMON

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PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD OF GOD

+ HYMN 195

ANTIOCH

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come (Stanzas 1–3)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

+ BENEDICTION

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 195

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come (Stanza 4)

ANTIOCH

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

POSTLUDE

“Plein Feu” and “Grand Feu” from Suite II

Michel Corrette

Mr. Thomas Russell, organist

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