

Virtual Worship Service
The First Sunday of Christmas, December 26, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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Prelude: O Holy Night

arr. by Robert W. Thygerson

<https://youtu.be/RsWUWzai8P8> - Celine Dion

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Church Family News

The Passing of the Peace of Christ

Choral Call to Worship # 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

<https://youtu.be/nFij5ExuKYg> - Carrie Underwood

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created! [Refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! [Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

***Call to Worship:**

Praise be to the Lord, for he has brought a Savior unto us.

Sing praise to the Lord!

The Lord is our Strength, our mighty fortress.

Sing thanks to the Lord!

***Hymn of Praise # 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

IN DULCI JUBILO

<https://youtu.be/Scweex22gbU> - Marty Haugen

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;

ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Call to Confession

When we confess our lives, God promises not only to hear us, but to heal us with forgiveness and hope.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy Father, have mercy on us. You see our complete lives. You see us at our best and at our worst. You see everything. Loving Father, we need your saving grace. Holy Savior, we thank, praise, and worship you for your wisdom and your saving mercies. With Jesus as our guide, may our lives glorify you, now and evermore. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

For unto us a child was born--Jesus was born for us.
Jesus brought hope and love—for all of us.
Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Let us share this joyous good news with the world.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 145 What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

<https://youtu.be/EbvwwwTqeRo> - Andrea Bocelli

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;

the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

First Lesson Psalm 148:1-4, 11-14

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the Lord!

Homily "A Martin Luther Christmas"

Mimi Sloop

Special Music *Away in a Manger*

sung by Charlotte Davila & Bobby Taylor

https://youtu.be/r_wRmxQmU_o - Claire Crosby

Second Lesson Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Homily "The Twelve Months of Christmas"

Mimi Sloop

Hymn of Meditation # 134 *Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

<https://youtu.be/3vnB8xAqzjE> - Phil Wickman

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all 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.

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.

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head

<https://youtu.be/dCVgsnUt7uE> - Master Singers

an Appalachian song, arr. by Rick Barham

***Doxology #606 Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

OLD HUNDRETH

<https://youtu.be/tQUtvMtUhw4> - Anthem Lights ft. Selah

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise *him, all creatures here below;
praise *him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Generous God, accept our gifts of thanks for all that you have given us in your abiding love and grace.
May the gifts we share serve those who need hope, those who need to know the promise of the Christ Child. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

***Closing Hymn # 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

GO TELL IT

<https://youtu.be/9ULsUVlJkoM> - for King & Country

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,

and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Carol of the Bells*

https://youtu.be/SQadcm_dwEM - Liberia Official

a Ukrainian Carol, arr. by unknown