



**Covenant Church  
Presbyterian Church in America  
Fayetteville, Arkansas**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY  
December 24, 2023  
10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

There will be no Sunday school next week. However, there will be a casual time of fellowship before our morning worship at 10:30.

Mark your calendars for an evangelism training opportunity on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Don Snipes from Evangelism Explosion will be teaching through their *Share Your Faith* Workshop. It will be \$15 per person for materials. Lunch will be provided.

Please contact Liam Carr if you have any questions.

Any checks that are going to be mailed to Covenant church need to be postmarked by 12/31/23 or earlier for tax purposes.

Grace and Truth Church in Israel pastored by David Zadok is on the frontlines of bringing relief to those suffering as a result of the invasion of Israel by Hamas. If you would like to support efforts to feed and clothe and protect those who have been devastated you can do so by designating an offering through Covenant Church for Israel relief. If you designate an offering funds will be sent asap through usual channels for the purpose of relief via Grace and Truth church in Israel. Continue to pray for all Israel to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Messiah Jesus through this suffering.

## **† Call to Worship**

**Psalm 98:1-3**

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. <sup>2</sup>The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. <sup>3</sup>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.

## **† Invocation & Lord's Prayer**

**Unison**

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.

## **† Hymn of Praise**

**#308 (TH #207)**

**"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"**

## **Prayer of Confession of Sin**

**Thomas Cranmer**

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to the promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 25:6-11**

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. <sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies. <sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

### **† Hymn of Assurance**

**#314 (TH #211)**

**“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”**

### **† Confession of Faith**

Westminster Larger Catechism  
Q & A 36 and 37

**Q. 36.** Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace?

**A.** The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father, in the fullness of time became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.

**Q. 37.** How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

**A.** Christ the Son of God became man, by taking to Himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.

Pastoral Prayer

## **Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

Pew Bible page number 807

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her

quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called His name Jesus.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“His Name is Jesus”**

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

**#571 (TH #735)**

**“Gloria Patri”**

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Closing Hymn**

**#310 (TH #223)**

**“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”**

† Benediction

**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**Dec. 24, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Matthew 1:18-25**  
**“His Name is Jesus”**

Introduction

I. His Name Means Salvation (v. 18-21)

II. His Name Means Joshua (v. 21)

III. His Name Means Immanuel (v. 22-25)

Conclusion

## Good Christian Men, Rejoice

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1. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3. Good Chris-tian men, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

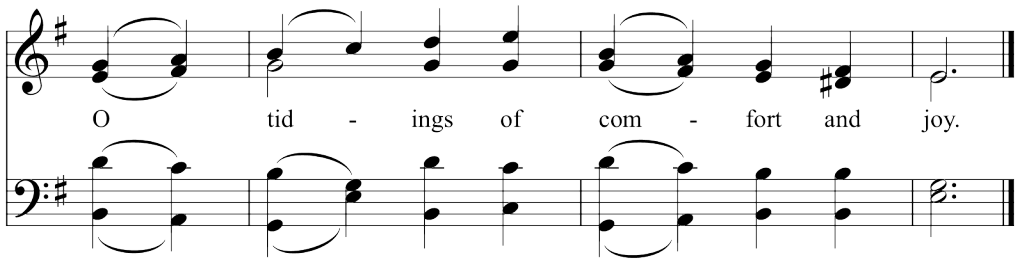
1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,  
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;  
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;  
 4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,  
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
 this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
 and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind,

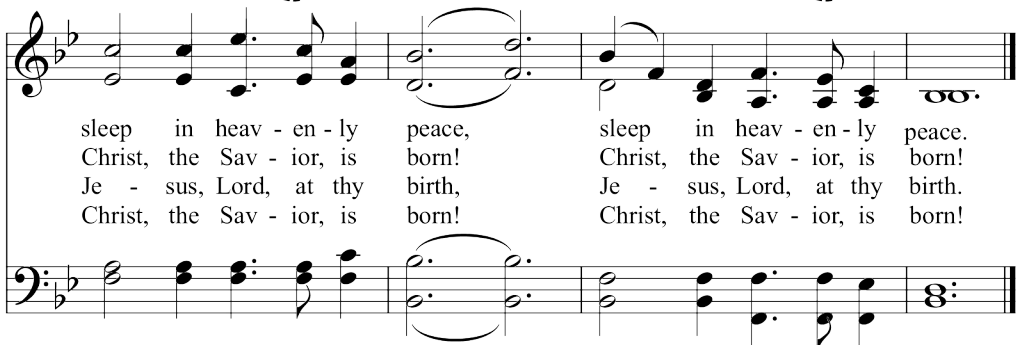
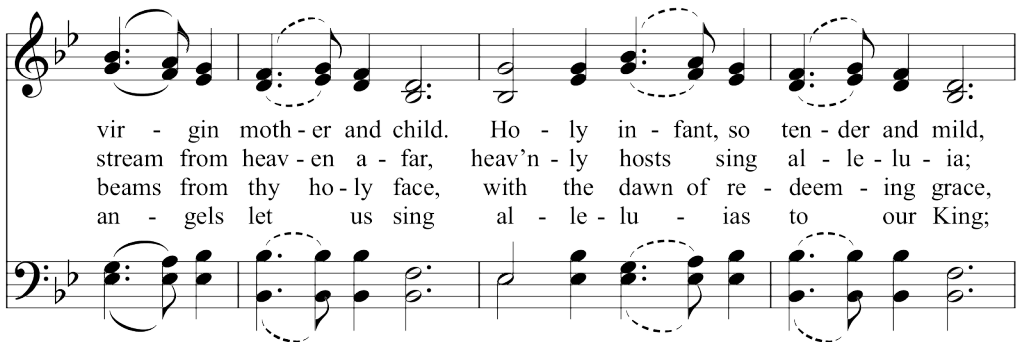
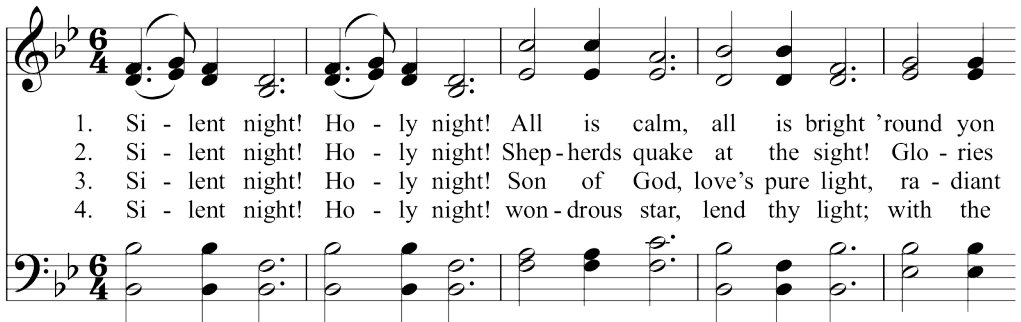
to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;  
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name,  
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."  
 and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

## Refrain

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,



English carol, 18th cent.

GOD REST YOU MERRY 8.6.7.6.8.6.ref.  
English melody, 18th cent.**Silent Night! Holy Night!****315**Joseph Mohr, 1818  
Tr. ca. 1850STILLE NACHT Irreg.  
Franz Gruber, 1818



## Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first system of musical notation for 'Gloria Patri' is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), G3 (half). The lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the' are written below the notes.

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody is: F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (half). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), G3 (half). The lyrics 'Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is' are written below the notes.

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff melody is: F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (half). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), G3 (half). The lyrics 'now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' are written below the notes.

# While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 310

1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat-ed  
 2. "Fear not," said he— for might-y dread had seized their  
 3. "To you, in Da-vid's town this day, is born of  
 4. "The heav'n-ly babe you there shall find to hu-man

on the ground, the an-gel of the Lord came down,  
 trou-bled mind—"glad tid-ings of great joy I bring  
 Da-vid's line the Sav-ior, who is Christ the Lord,  
 view dis-played, all mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands,

and glo-ry shone a-round, and glo-ry shone a-round.  
 to you and all man-kind, to you and all man-kind.  
 and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:  
 and in a man-ger laid, and in a man-ger laid."

5. Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith  
 appeared a shining throng  
 of angels praising God, who thus  
 addressed their joyful song,  
 addressed their joyful song:

6. "All glory be to God on high,  
 and to the earth be peace;  
 good will henceforth, from heav'n to men,  
 begin and never cease,  
 begin and never cease!"