

Prelude—Noel: When at Bethlehem, God was Born.....L. C. D'Aquin
Toccata on REGENT SQUARE.....J. Mulder

***Preparation for Worship**—Thou Who Wast Rich..... arr. M. Ijames
Chancel Choir
see Hymn #230 to reflect on the lyrics

We invite you to use this time to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

†Call to Worship..... from Isaiah 9 & Revelation 11

Leader: To us a child is born, to us a son is given,

All: and the government will be on his shoulders.

Leader: He is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

All: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Leader: Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

All: And he will reign for ever and ever.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Leader: Let us worship God!

The one true God graciously invites us into his presence to worship him in spirit and in truth, and we eagerly respond in faith. This begins a dialogue which will continue to the end of the service as God initiates with us, and we respond to him.

***†Hymn of Praise**—Angels, from the Realms of GloryREGENT SQUARE, HYMN #218
Sung by all Stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 5

†Invocation

Advent Candle Lighting and Scripture Reading (Peace)

8:30 a.m.

The Lazari Family (Sanctuary)
George & Ann Elizabeth, children Ann Estelle, Andrews, Elizabeth Wynne, Arthur
The Whitlow Family (St. Andrews Hall)
John & Melissa, children John Sullivan, Ward,

11 a.m.

The Conrad Family (Sanctuary)
Dave & Cheryl

†Response—It Came Upon the Midnight ClearHYMN #200
Sung by all *Stanzas 1 & 4*

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing

Corporate Confession of Sin *(please kneel if able to do so)*

**Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short, that it cannot save,
or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;
but our iniquities have separated us from God
and our sins have hidden his face from us
so that he does not hear.
Our mouths are filled with anger,
our lips are quick to speak lies,
our eyes are filled with illicit and unnecessary desires.
Our feet are swift to run to evil
and our thoughts are the thoughts of iniquity.
We have lost our way and are far from the way of peace.
The roads we travel are crooked and desperate.
We hope for light, but behold darkness.
Lord, only you can intercede and bring health to us.
Only your strong arm can bring us salvation.
May the Redeemer of Zion save us. Amen**

Taken from Isaiah 59

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning GraceJeremiah 33:8-9

I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will forgive all their sins of rebellion against me. Then it will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for them; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the abundant prosperity and peace I provide for them.

Having confessed our sins, the minister declares a gospel promise assuring that God forgives us because Christ has fully atoned for all the sins of those who truly repent. Divine mercy frees us from our guilt and shame.

†Response—I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
Sung by all



1. I heard the bells on Christ - mas day their
2. Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God
3. When men re - pent and turn from sin the



old fa - mil - iar car - ols play; in mus - ic sweet the
is not dead, nor does He sleep, for Christ is here; His
Prince of Peace then en - ters in, and grace im - parts with -



tones re - peat, of peace on earth, good will to men.
Spir - it near brings peace on earth, good will to men."
in their hearts His peace on earth, good will to men.

†Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

All: 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.

Passing of The Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Having been reminded that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, in response to God's grace, we gladly extend the peace of the gospel to one another.

Giving As an Act of Worship

Additional Ways to Give

- Online via the app or QR code above
- Text "Give \$" followed by the gift amount to 706.550.6813
- Mail checks to 615 Telfair Street, Augusta, Georgia, 30901

With grateful hearts for God's extravagant mercy and blessing, we joyfully present our offerings to the Lord for the ministry of our church and community.

Dismissal of Children:

- 8:30 a.m. Pre-K through 3rd grade exit.
- 11 a.m. Pre-K and kindergarten exit.

*† Hymn of Preparation—My Savior Left His Throne Above

Sung by all



1. My Sav - ior left his throne a - bove, ex - changed his wealth for
 2. He felt the storms of hu - man pain, he felt temp - ta - tion's
 3. He kept the Fath - er's ev - 'ry word; the Law he fol - lowed
 4. When Je - sus left his heav'n - ly home, his face was set on



pov - er - ty; He took my hate, and gave his love, all this and more he
 whel - ming seas, He felt the tears of sor - row's rain, all this and more he
 per - fect - ly; So all God's plea - sure he se - cured, all this and more he
 Cal - va - ry, The steep - est hill he climbed a - lone, all this and more he



did for me. Be - cause he chose the low - ly way, and bowed be - fore his
 felt for me. Be - cause he knows my ev - 'ry strife, and is ac - quain - ted
 earned for me. Be - cause his right - eous life is mine, and all his mer - its
 did for me. Be - cause he died once for all time, and bore the curse of



Fath - er's will, I can with all as - sur - ance say, "My God is near and
 with my grief, I can't be sha - ken in this life: The Friend of sin - ners
 now I own, I am a child of God on high; I am a - dop - ted,
 death and hell, Fi - nal for - give - ness here is mine; So it is fin - ished,



loves me still. My God is near and loves me still."
 walks with me; the Friend of sin - ners walks with me
 loved, and known; I am a - dop - ted, loved, and known.
 all is well; Yes, it is fin - ished, all is well.

1. Understand the Kind of Peace God Gives (vv. 1-2)

2. Understand the Extent God Went to Secure Your Peace (vv. 3-5)

3. So that you will Safely Trust in the God of Peace (vv. 6-7)

†**Hymn of Response—**Hark! The Herald Angels SingMENDELSSOHN, HYMN #203
Sung by all

The Lord's Supper

(In keeping with Paul's instructions in 1 Corinthians 11, our elders will gladly admit a child to the Lord's Supper when he or she is able to express an age-appropriate confession of faith in Jesus Christ and understanding of the purpose and meaning of Communion. When parents believe their child is ready to be admitted to the Lord's Table, they are encouraged to contact their parish elders to schedule an interview for their child.)

†**Benediction**

Postlude—Toccatà on Hark! The Herald Angels Sing G. Macchia

*We invite you to join us for our annual
Love Gift Service and Celebration this evening at 6 p.m.*