

Prelude—Variations on Joy to the World.....J. Weber
Carol of the BellsM. Leontovych
(Dolce Sonare Flute Quartet)

***Preparation for Worship—**Go, Tell It on the Mountain arr. L. Larson
Chancel Choir

We invite you to use this time to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for the worship of our triune God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

†Call to Worship.....Psalm 95:1-6

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

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.

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land

All: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit

Leader: Let us worship God!

***†Hymn of Praise—**Angels We Have Heard On HighGLORIA, HYMN #214
Sung by all

Advent Candle Lighting and Scripture Reading (Joy)

8:30 a.m.

The DiRenzo Family (Sanctuary)
Leah & Joe; Joseph, Wilton, Annie Lynn, Mattie Margaret

The Dotts Family (St. Andrews Hall)
Nicole & LeVar; London, Logan, Lathan

11 a.m.

The Russell Family (Sanctuary)
Amy & David; Abigail

Response—While By the Sheep, We Watched at Night JUNGST, HYMN #215
Sung by all *Stanzas 1, 2, & 4*

While by the sheep we watched at night,
glad tidings brought an angel bright.

How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

This gift of God we'll cherish well,
that ever joy our hearts shall fill.

There shall be born, so he did say,
in Bethlehem a child today.

How great our joy! Great our joy!
Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!
Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

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

O Christ our Savior, the Word made flesh.
You rent the heavens and came down to destroy the works of the devil, and
make us new creations in Christ.
But we have failed to resist the evil one, put off the old man with his deeds, or
renounce the works of the flesh. Please forgive us.
You are King of Kings but we have tried to rule our own lives. Please forgive us.
You came to seek and save the lost, but we have shown little regard for the
eternal souls of your image bearers. Please forgive us.
You came that we might have abundant life, but we have sought fulfillment in
cheap counterfeits and worthless idols. Please forgive us.
You have come to bear witness to the truth, but we have trusted the lies of the
evil one. Please forgive us.
You have come to call sinners to repentance. We repent and receive your mercy.
You who came to give your life as a ransom for many, redeeming those who
were under the law. We offer our lives to you and desire to walk in newness of life.
You came to dispel the darkness. We no longer want to walk in darkness.
You came to do the will of your father; we ask for grace to do his will too.
In the name of Jesus, Immanuel our Savior, we pray, Amen.

Personal Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardoning Grace Luke 2:10-11

“Do not be afraid! For behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today in the City of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord!”

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—Good Christian Men, Rejoice..... IN DULCI JUBILO, HYMN #207
Sung by all Stanzas 1 & 3

Good Christian men, rejoice,
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
earth and heav'n before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, 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 his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

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.

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.

†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.

Dismissal of Children:

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

*† Hymn of Preparation—Light of the World

Sung by all



1. Light of the world, treas-ure of heav-en, bril-liant like the
 2. Light of the world, from the be-gin-ning the trag-e-dies of
 3. Light of the world, crown in a man-ger, born for the
 4. Light of the world soon will be com-ing. With fire in His



stars in the win-ter-y sky. Joy of the Fa-ther,
 time were no match for Your love. From great heights of glo-ry,
 cross, to suf-fer, to save. High King of heav-en,
 eyes, He will ran-som His own. Through clouds He will lead us

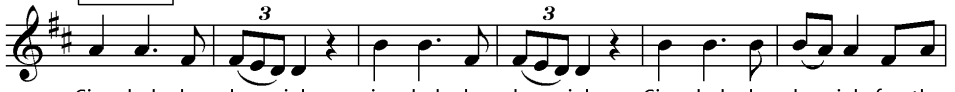


reach through the dark-ness, shine a-cross the
 You saw my sto-ry. God, You en-tered
 death is the poor-er. We are the
 straight in-to glo-ry. And there He shall



earth, send the shad-ows to flight. (to verse 2)
 in and be-came one of us. (to Chorus)
 rich-er by the price that He paid.
 reign for-ev-er-more.

CHORUS



Sing hal-le-lu-jah, sing hal-le-lu-jah. Sing hal-le-lu-jah for the



things He has done! Come and a-dore Him, bow down be-



fore Him. Sing hal-le-lu-jah to the Light of the world.

Begthold & Cash

1. The Person of Joy (vv. 41-44, 46-48)

2. The Power of Joy (vv. 49-50)

3. A Portait of Joy (vv. 51-55)

†Hymn of Response—Joy to the World ANTIOCH, HYMN #195
Sung by all

†Benediction

Postlude—Celtic Toccata (Angels We Have Heard on High)..... G. Macchia

***We invite you to join us for Carols & Christmas Jazz
this evening at 6 p.m.***

Join us for a joyful and worshipful service as we sing beloved congregational carols, enjoy Christ-centered jazz with special musicians (including Wycliffe Gordon), meditate on Advent Scriptures, and hear “God With Us” devotionals from our pastors.