

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 17, 2017

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise | "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

(8:30) Aidar Yermekbayev Family
(11:15) Mike Evans Family

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"Good Christian Men Rejoice"

Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Call to Confession

Romans 13:8-10

Minister: Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Jesus, it is sometimes so discouraging to take stock of how much sin still dwells in my heart and life—anger, impatience, anxious control, envy, fear, lust, self-pity, greed and selfish ambition. I am full of compromised desires and my transgressions are too numerous to count. I want to want what you want and to do what you command, yet my heart is so easily pulled away. Have mercy, Holy Jesus, forgive me. Please send your Holy Spirit to renew my heart in your grace and power. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

2 Corinthians 5:17, 21

Minister: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

"What Child Is This?"

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering | Worship Choir | "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"The Theology of Christmas-Part 3"

John 1:6-13

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song | "Joy to the World"

Benediction

Postlude