



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

Front Cover Artwork

Moret in Winter, 1891. Alfred Sisley (1839-1899). Oil on canvas, 54.5 x 65 cm. Signed and dated lower left: Sisley. 91. In the Hasso Plattner Collection of the Museum Barberini, Potsdam, Germany. In the public domain.

“Sisley returned again and again to the river Loing, which often flooded during the winter. The mill on the right is built on a fourteenth-century bridge. Sisley chose a perspective that leaves out this picturesque motif. The winter atmosphere is conveyed in pale colors by the leafless trees and snow, the pale blue of the river, and the diffuse light of the sky.”

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Impressionism: The Hasso Plattner Collection:

The Museum Barberini in Potsdam shows impressionist paintings from the extensive collection of Hasso Plattner, the museum’s founder. More than 100 masterpieces by Claude Monet, Auguste Renoir, Berthe Morisot, Alfred Sisley, Camille Pissarro, Henri-Edmond Cross, Paul Signac, and other impressionist and postimpressionist artists are on permanent display. With 34 paintings by Claude Monet, there is no venue in Europe outside of Paris where visitors can see more works by this painter. Potsdam is thus one of the most important centers of impressionist landscape painting in the world.

Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, and Alfred Sisley formed a group in the 1860s and revolutionized art with light-infused landscapes that were liberated from the traditional subject matter of the era. In 1874 they became known as the “Impressionists”: artists who preferred to work outdoors, capturing fleeting impressions directly on the canvas. Painters such as Berthe Morisot, Paul Cézanne, and Gustave Caillebotte joined this new movement. More than a decade later, artists such as Paul Signac and Henri-Edmond Cross further developed the painting style of these pioneers. Even in their Neo-Impressionist compositions, focus on the landscape remained linked to the liberation of color—an aspect that was reinforced by the high-key compositions of the Fauves such as Maurice de Vlaminck and André Derain. Impressionists, Neo-Impressionists, and Fauves followed the ideal of making nature tangible through color and light.

Impressionism has been the focus of Hasso Plattner’s collecting since 2000. Roughly three years after the Museum Barberini first opened, Plattner has given one hundred works from his private collection as well as from the Hasso Plattner Foundation to the museum as a permanent loan. Featuring thirty-four paintings by Claude Monet, no other venue in Europe outside of Paris offers more works by this artist. The holdings of compositions by Caillebotte, Pissarro, Signac, Sisley, and Vlaminck are also unique in Germany. Among the most famous works of the collection are Caillebotte’s *The Argenteuil Bridge and the Seine* (ca. 1883), Signac’s *The Port at Sunset, Opus 236 (Saint-Tropez)* (1892), and Monet’s *Grainstacks* (1890), *The Palazzo Contarini* (1908) and *Water Lilies* (1914–17).

The presentation of the collection at the Museum Barberini spans the period from the 1860s to the early twentieth century and brings together works by three generations of artists who often worked together, traveled to the same places to work, and mutually inspired each other. Consisting of eight central chapters, the show enables visitors to trace the development of French landscape painting through the styles of Impressionism, Neo-Impressionism, and Fauvism.

<https://www.museum-barberini.de/en/ausstellungen/520/impressionism>



Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) desires to be a welcoming, grace-filled, all-nations community of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition. We seek to love God and our neighbor as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to *worship God, proclaim Christ, and love others.*

Preparing to Worship God

Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA! We are glad to have you join with us in the worship of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

Thanks to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Ephraim Church (violin), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Jared Salyards (piano), Brad Weaver (sound), Ben Watt (vocals), and Don Wood (vocals).

Today's Communion Servers are Andrew Bosworth and Dave Eakin.

A **Nursery** for children age infant through 4 years old is provided.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

Steve and Joanna Thomasma

Micah 5:2-5a

*But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.*

*³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.*

*⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.*

⁵ And he shall be their peace.

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 27:7-9

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."

Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,

O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

Light Text = Read by Leader
Bold Text = Read by All

*Response of Praise:

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

"[T]he LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."
Habakkuk 2:20

Unison

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Liturg of St. James, 5th cent.
 Adapted by Gerard Moutrie, 1864

Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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 French melody, 17th cent.

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Confession of Faith:**

Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: Let us now confess together this mystery of the faith.

Congregation:

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.

And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

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. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him:

he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son.

And he called his name Jesus.

***Gloria Patri**

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther,
And to the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Ghost:
as it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now, and ev-er shall be,
world with-out end.
A-men, a-men.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard

James 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ² Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³ Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴ Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵ You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶ You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

Confession of Sin

Almighty Father, forgive our sins.

Forgive the sins that we remember, and the sins we have forgotten.

Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction.

Forgive the times we have been proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works.

Forgive the harsh judgments we have made of others, and the leniency we have shown ourselves.

Forgive the lies we have told to others, and the truths we have avoided.

Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgence we have shown ourselves.

Father, have mercy on us and make us whole for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Assurances of Pardon in Christ

1 Peter 1:17-21

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of December 5-11, 2021

Intercession for the World:

- **The Hershey Community** (to learn about local township news, subscribe to the Derry Township Weekly eNews at www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-enews)
Derry Township Chief of Police Garth Warner
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
US Representative Scott Perry
- **Countries of Origin of our Church Members and Friends.** Did you come from a country different from the ones that we regularly pray for? Please let us know and we will add your country of origin to our list:
Bhutan/Nepal
- **Unreached People Group** (includes 6,693 people groups or 40.4% of the world's people groups (approximately 3,109,034,000 persons). In these people groups, there are "few evangelicals and few who identify as Christians." There is "little, if any, history of Christianity" within the people group. See www.joshuaproject.net). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)
Balai of India
Population: 2,258,000; Language: Hindi; Religion: Hinduism

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**
Catherine
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):
Elder Joe Kearns
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
St. Stephen Reformed Church, New Holland, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Cam and Kaela Smith, serving with RUF at Penn State

The Lord's Prayer: Our time of intercession will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

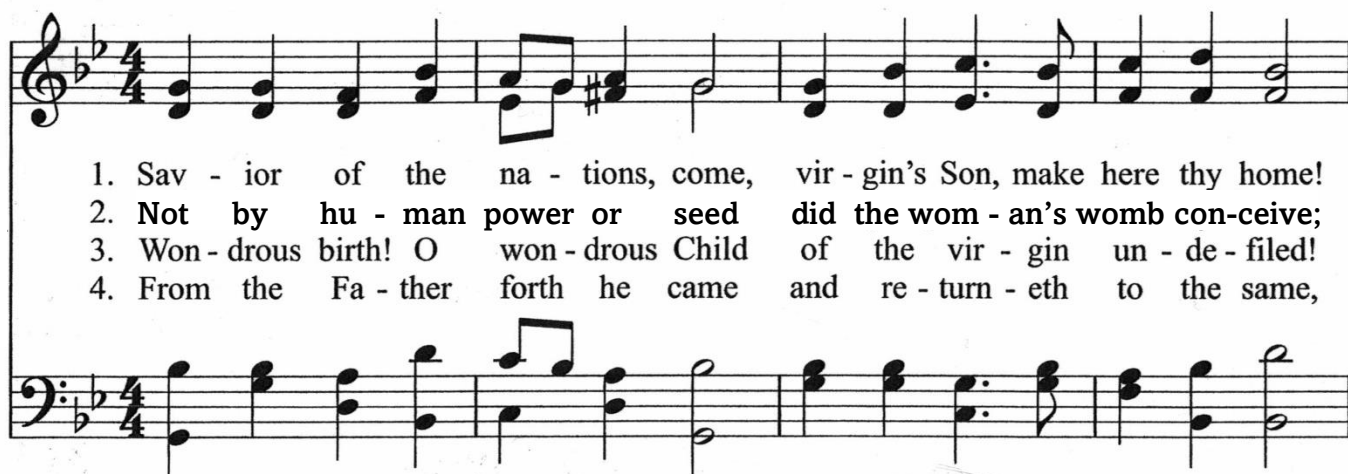
"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Our Tithes & Offerings

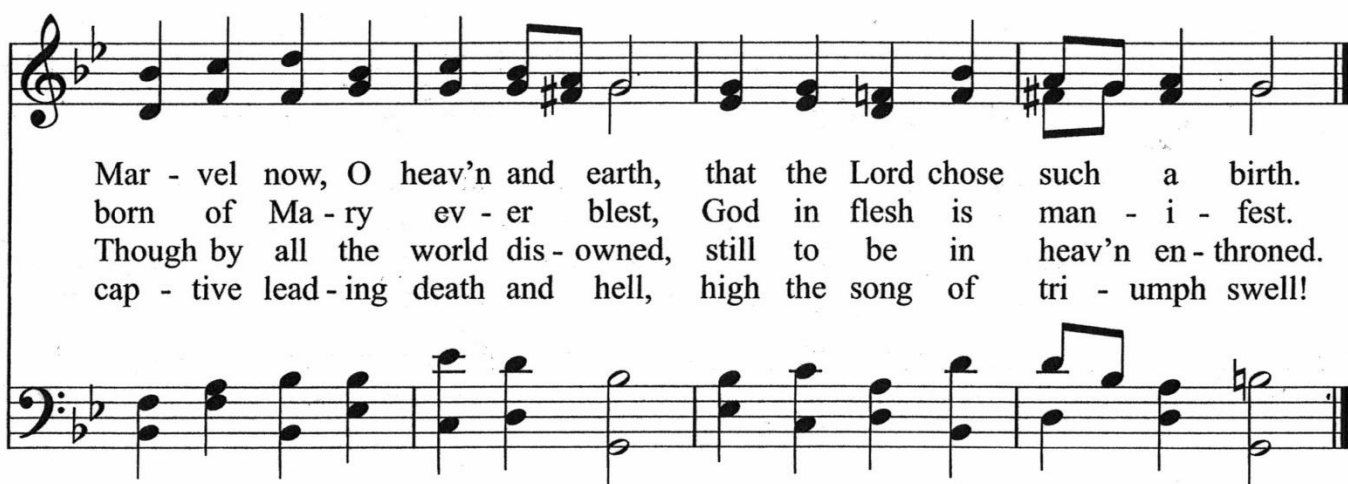
This is the time in our service when our tithes and offerings are presented to God as an act of our worship. You can drop your offering in the designated place. If you are worshipping with us online, you can present your tithes and offerings to God by mailing them to Hershey PCA, 1521 Sand Hill Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036, or by making an online donation through our website at hersheypca.com.

***Song of Preparation:**

Savior of the Nations, Come



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, vir - gin's Son, make here thy home!
2. Not by hu - man power or seed did the wom - an's womb con-ceive;
3. Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the vir - gin un - de - filed!
4. From the Fa - ther forth he came and re - turn - eth to the same,



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
born of Ma - ry ev - er blest, God in flesh is man - i - fest.
Though by all the world dis - owned, still to be in heav'n en - throned.
cap - tive lead - ing death and hell, high the song of tri - umph swell!

5. Thou, the Father's only Son,
hast o'er sin the vict'ry won.
Boundless shall thy kingdom be;
when shall we its glories see?

6. Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
ever and eternally.

Ambrose of Milan, 340-397
Tr. Martin Luther, 1524
Tr. William M. Reynolds, 1860; alt.

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND 7.7.7.7.
Adapted from *Geistliches Gesangbüchlein*, Wittenberg, 1524

Listening to God's Word

***Prayer for Illumination**

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

***Reading of Scripture:**

2 Peter 1:3-11

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

*⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ **and godliness with brotherly affection**, and brotherly affection with love.*

⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹ For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

**Effective & Fruitful (8):
Supplement Godliness with Brotherly Affection**

Today's Text: 2 Peter 1:7a

Pastor David Kertland

1. _____: what is "brotherly affection"?

2. _____ brotherly affection?

3. _____ brother's affection?

Prayer of Application

*The sermon concludes with a prayer asking the Lord to help us to be those who listen to his word and obey it.
"...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)*

Receiving Provision from God

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation & Warning

Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) welcomes to receive the Holy Supper all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and obey Christ, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church that proclaims the gospel or who have been approved by our Session after indicating a desire to participate (BCO 58-4). Children should await communicant membership before participating.

Let this table, and our communion together, point you to Jesus—to receive grace from him, to hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to allow him to feed and strengthen you, and to remind you that, if you are in Christ, He is *for you* and *will help you* as you seek to follow him this week.

If you are not a believer in Jesus today, we are glad that you are here with us this morning! We do invite you to stay and observe this part of the service, which is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus, but that you do not participate. As the bread and wine are received by the congregation, we invite you to cry out to Jesus and pray the following prayer (or one like it):

Prayer of Belief: "Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit, but in Jesus I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you and rest on you alone for my salvation."

Have you prayed this prayer for the first time this morning? If so, let someone near you know! Also, feel free to talk with our pastor who can suggest ways for you to take next steps in the faith.

Words of Institution:

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

"[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said,

'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying,

'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Prayer

Receiving of the Elements

About the elements: Our communion servers will be handing out the elements, which are in two stacked communion cups. The top cups have the juice or wine, and the bottom cups all have gluten-free bread.

As a server comes to you, please indicate your preference of either grape juice or wine.

The clear cups in the communion plates are filled with grape juice.

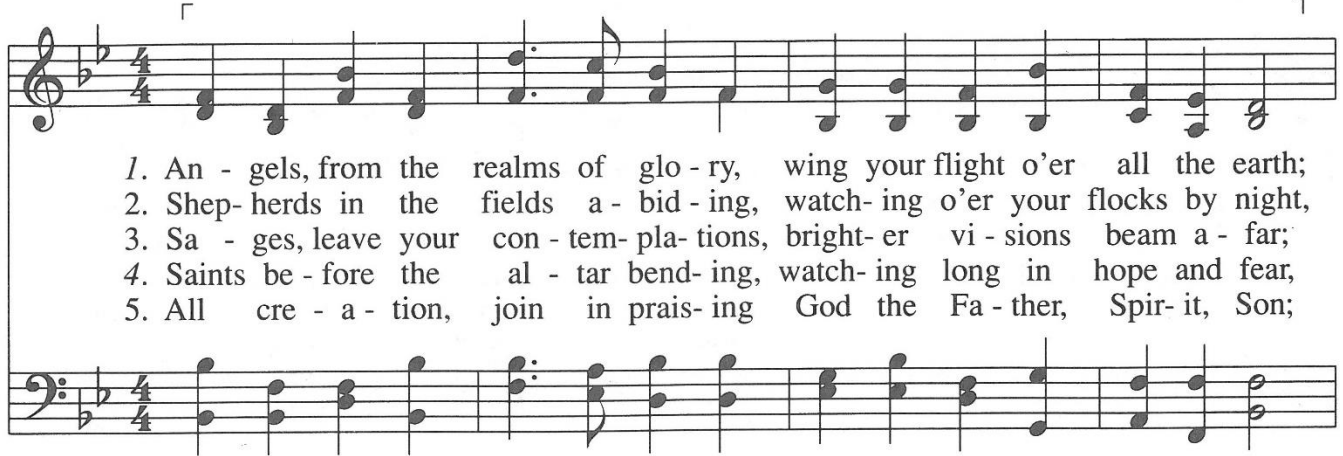
The purple-tinted cups are filled with wine.

Prayer

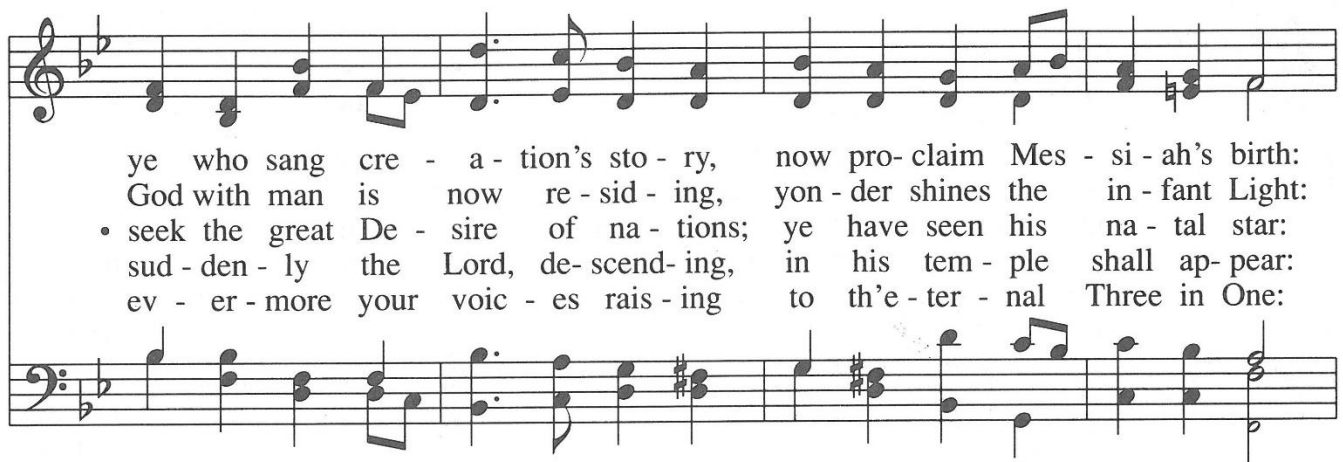
Confessing Our Faith in God

*Song of Dedication and Service:

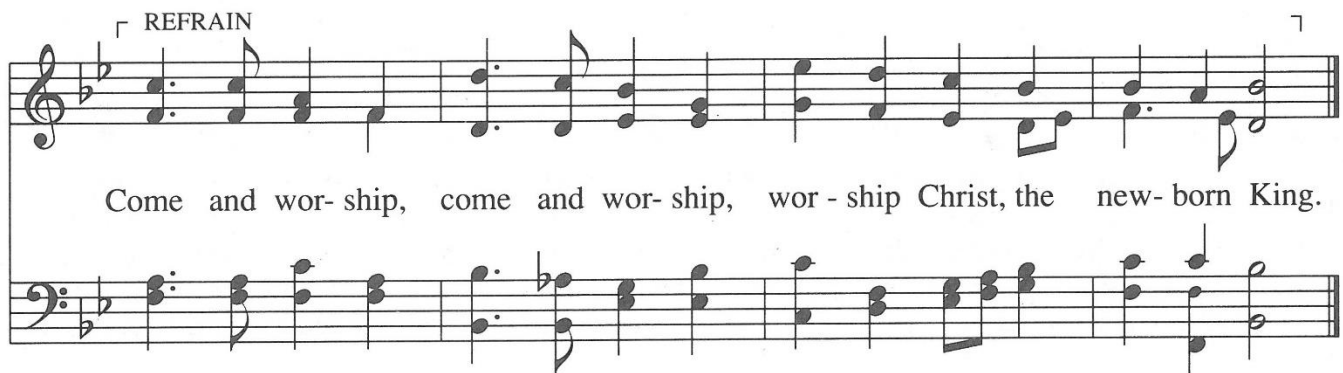
Angels, from the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep- herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:



REFRAIN
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry Smart, 1867

*Benediction:

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.*

Postlude

**We are glad that you have joined us for worship today
either in person or by livestream.**

If you are new to Hershey PCA, feel free to reach out to Pastor Kertland at pastor@hersheypca.com. We would love to personally welcome you.

Today's Service Information

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- 3) **Quotes:** Page 6: Confession of sin from <http://waysidechurch.org/ministries/corporate-prayers-of-confession>. Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted. Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Erdmans Publishing Co., 1995).
- 4) The **"Invitation to the Lord's Supper"** and the communion page information was, in part, modified from the practice of Redeemer PCA in NYC (2008) and Westminster PCA in Lancaster. PA (2015).



Advent Events with Hershey PCA

Save these dates for times of Christmas fellowship!

Sunday Mornings during Advent, 9:00 AM: Advent Adult Sunday School Class

For all adults and high school youth. Taught by Joe Kearns (see above announcement).

Saturday, December 11, 10:00 AM to Noon: Kids' Christmas Craft Morning

For kids ages 2 through 10, Church Office. Come for crafts, songs, games, and snacks!

Sign up on the back table in our worship space or email bkertland@hersheypca.com

Sunday, December 19, 3:00 to 6:00 PM: Christmas Caroling & Fellowship Time

For everyone! We will meet at the Woods' home, 539 W Caracas Ave in Hershey, carol their neighborhood, and then return to the Woods' home to share a light supper and some Christmas desserts.

Sign up on the back table in our worship space or email bkertland@hersheypca.com

December 24, 6:00 PM: Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service

Come participate in our Lessons and Carols Service as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.

Lebanon Valley Presbyterian Church will be joining us for this service.

Candles will be lit at the end of the service to signify the Light of the World coming to dwell among us.

Extended family members and friends are welcome!

Invitations for our Christmas Eve service are available at the back of our worship space.



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