



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent

Front Cover Artwork

Rue Eugène Moussior at Moret: Winter, 1891. Alfred Sisley (1839-1899). Oil on canvas, 18 3/8 x 22 1/4 inches. The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Bequest of Ralph Friedman, 1992. In the public domain.

“Shortly after Courbet exhibited a group of snowy landscapes in 1867, several younger artists, among them Monet, Renoir, and Sisley, explored the possibilities of landscapes executed in white or gray with just a few touches of bright color. Sisley, like Monet, continued to paint snow scenes for the rest of his life. This work, with its nuanced palette and expertly rendered brushstrokes, is one of several that Sisley made in winter 1891 at Moret, south of Paris. It depicts the rue Eugène Moussoir, bordered by the wall of the village hospital, just minutes from Sisley’s home.”

<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/437686#:~:text=Alfred%20Sisley%20%7C%20Rue%20Eug%C3%A8ne%20Moussoir,The%20Metropolitan%20Museum%20of%20Art>



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), Keith Dolon (sound), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Ben Watt (vocals), Anitra Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Nick Yingst (leading worship).

Today's Communion Servers are Ephraim Church and Nick Yingst.

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

The Salyards Family

Isaiah 42:1-7

*Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.*

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-10

*Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

*Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.*

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

*They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.*

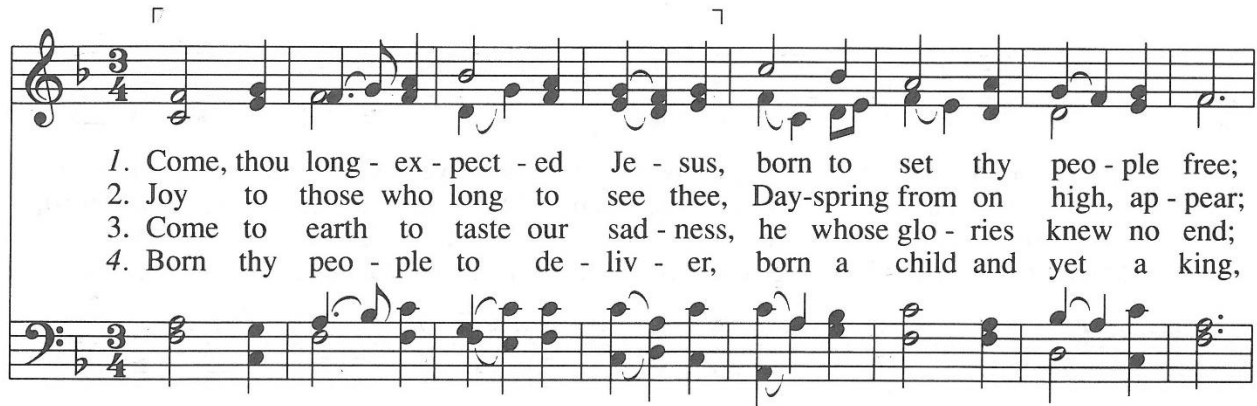
*For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.*

*Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your righteousness to the upright of heart!*

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

*Response of Praise:

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep-herd, Friend.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
"Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

St. 1, 4, Charles Wesley, 1744
St. 2-3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978

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Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 36-38

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 Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.

Q. 38. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God?

A. It was requisite that the Mediator should be God, that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure his favor, purchase a peculiar people, give his Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

***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 5:7-11

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Confession of Sin

Assurances of Pardon in Christ

2 Peter 3:13-15a

But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵ And count the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of December 12-18, 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-eneews)
Derry Township Assistant Chief of Police Timothy Roche
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
President Joe Biden
- **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:
Cameroon
- **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)
Balanta, Ganza of Guinea-Bissau and Senegal
Population: 131,000; Language: Balanta-Ganza; Religion: ethnic religions

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**
Elmer
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):
Elder Nick Yingst
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
Bethany Presbyterian Church, Oxford, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Richard and Lynne Smith, serving with RUF-I at Penn State

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

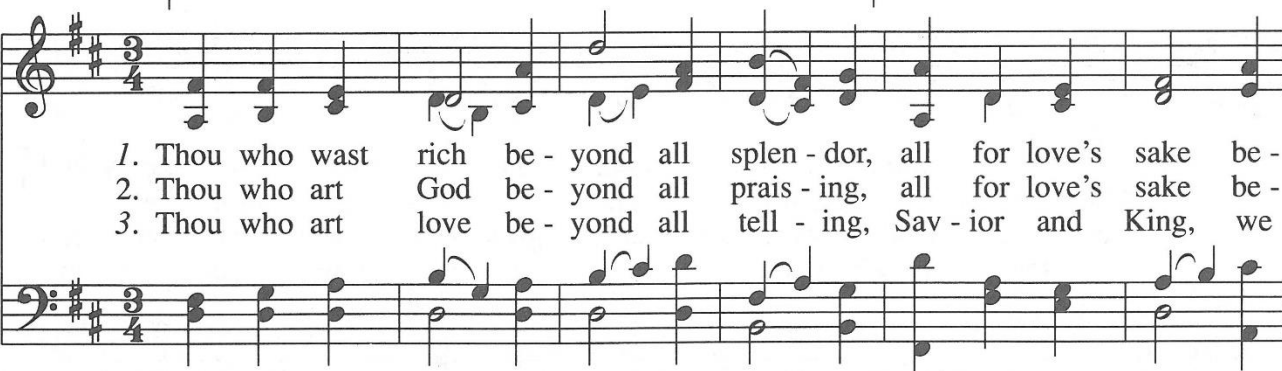
"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,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

Our Tithes & Offerings

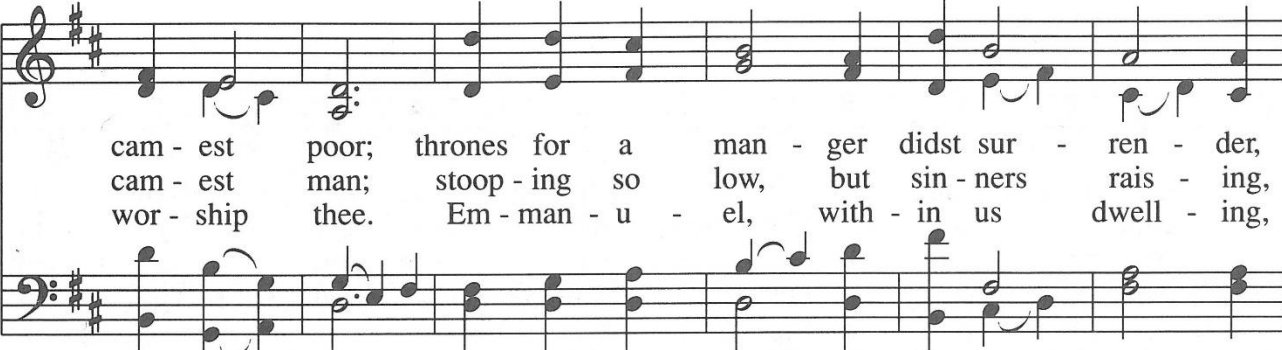
This is the time in our service when our tithes and offerings are presented to God as an act of our worship. You can drop your offering in the designated place. If you are worshipping with us online, you can present your tithes and offerings to God by mailing them to Hershey PCA, 1521 Sand Hill Road,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

***Song of Preparation:**


Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor



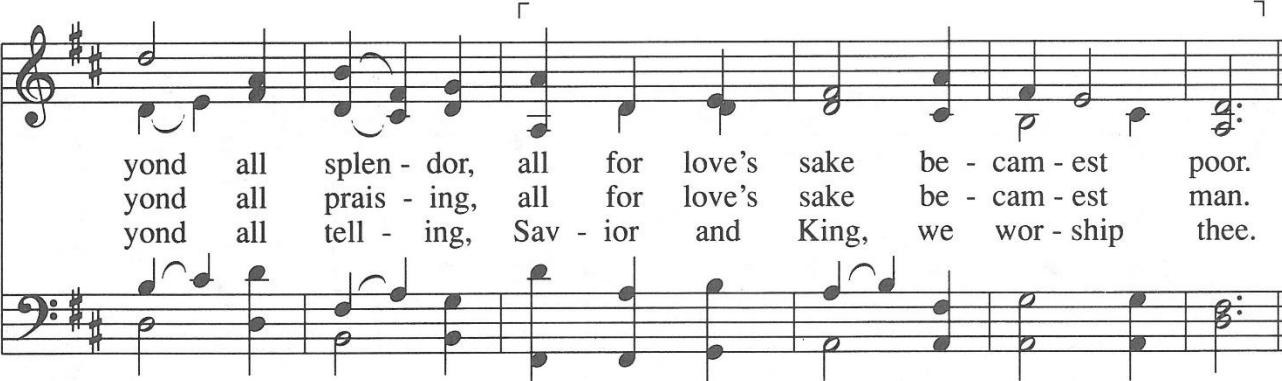
1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -
 2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -
 3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we



cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,
 cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,
 wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,



sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -
 heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -
 make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -



yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.
 yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.
 yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

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 1:1-15

Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

² May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

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.

¹² Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³ I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴ since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

**Effective & Fruitful (9):
Supplement Brotherly Affection with Love**

Today's Text: 2 Peter 1:7b

Pastor David Kertland

1. *Agape*: the _____ of this love

2. _____ God's love:

_____ this love *in* Christ!

3. Supplementing your faith...with _____ :

_____ this love *through* Christ.

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.

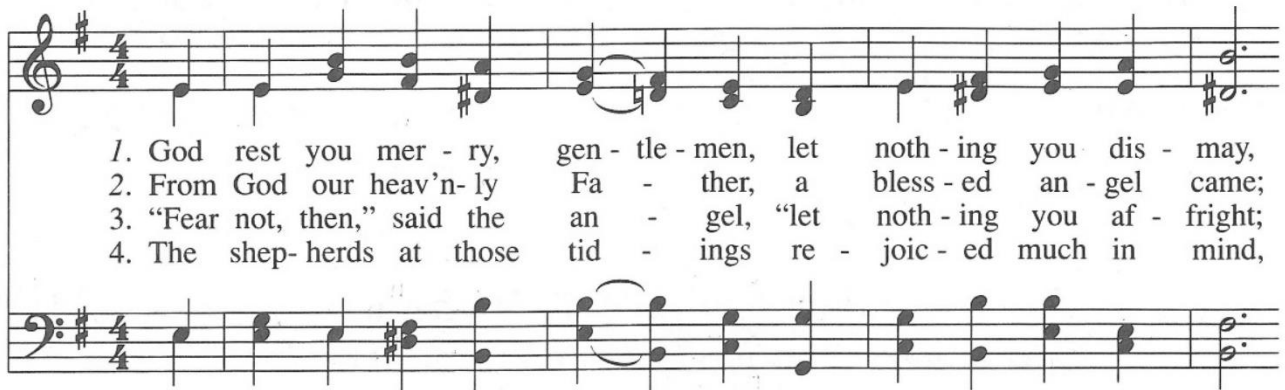
The purple-tinted cups are filled with wine.

Prayer

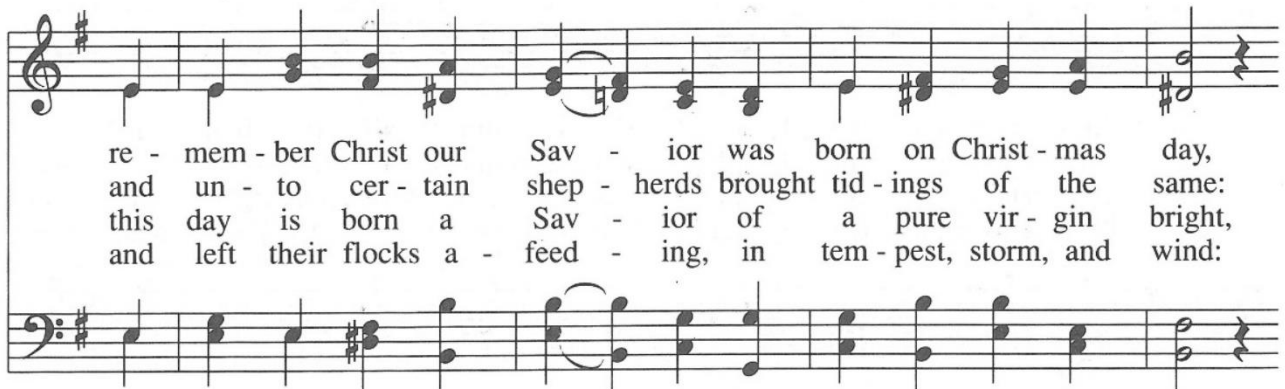
Confessing Our Faith in God

***Song of Dedication and Service:**

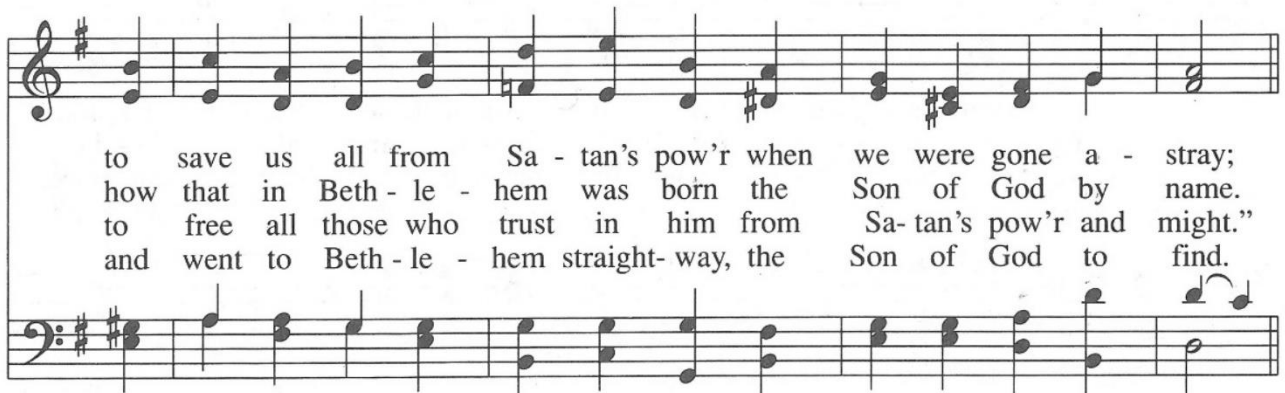
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen



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,



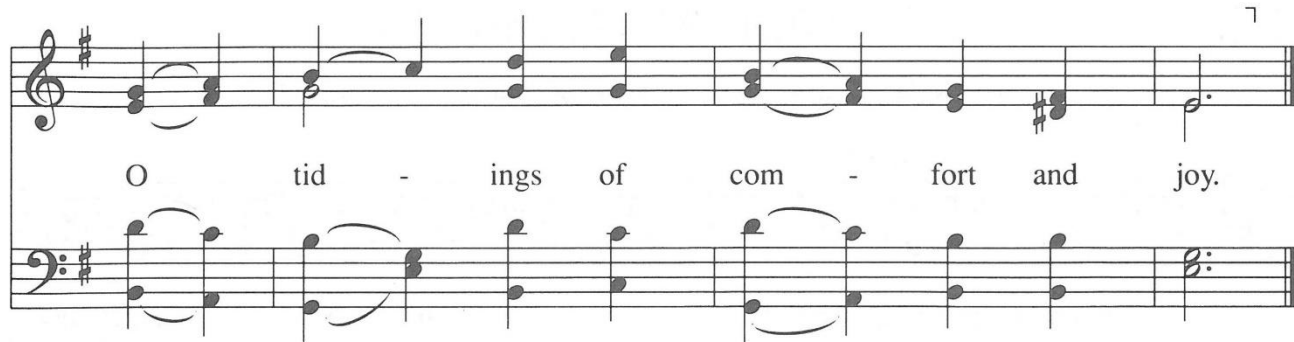
re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:



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 8.6.8.6.8.6.ref.
English melody, 18th cent.

Receiving God's Blessing

***Benediction:**

1 Peter 5:14b

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

- 1) **Artwork:** Front Cover: *Rue Eugène Moussior at Moret: Winter*, 1891. Alfred Sisley (1839-1899). Oil on canvas, 18 3/8 x 22 1/4 inches. The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Bequest of Ralph Friedman, 1992. In the public domain.
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- 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).

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

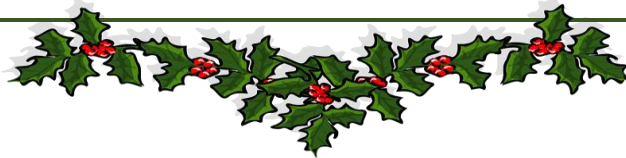
Come participate in our Lessons and Carols Service as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.

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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