



**Hershey Presbyterian**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

December 19, 2021  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

## Front Cover Artwork

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“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.”

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**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 (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanel Marengo (sound), Lynn Ruhl (cello), Jared Salyards (piano), Sarah Shafer (soloist), and Don Wood (vocals),

**Today's Communion Servers** are Ephraim Church and Keith Dolon.

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

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

The Franklin Family

### Isaiah 40:1-5, 11

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.*

*<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her*

*that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.*

*<sup>3</sup> A voice cries:*

*"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

*<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.*

*<sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.*

*<sup>11</sup> He will tend his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms;  
he will carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.*

## Prelude

"See Amid the Winter's Snow"

arr. Dan Forrest

*Alleluia.*

See, amid the winter's snow,  
Born for us on earth below,  
See the tender Lamb appears,  
Promised from eternal years.  
Hail, thou ever blessed morn,  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn,  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

*Alleluia.*

Lo, within a manger lies  
He who built the starry skies,  
He who, throned in height sublime,  
Sits amid the cherubim.  
Hail, thou ever blessed morn,  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn,  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

*Alleluia!*

Sacred infant, all divine,  
What a tender love was thine,  
Thus to come from highest bliss  
Down to such a world as this.  
Hail, thou ever blessed morn,  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn,  
Sing through all Jerusalem:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

## Praising God

**\*Call to Worship**

**Isaiah 12:5-6**

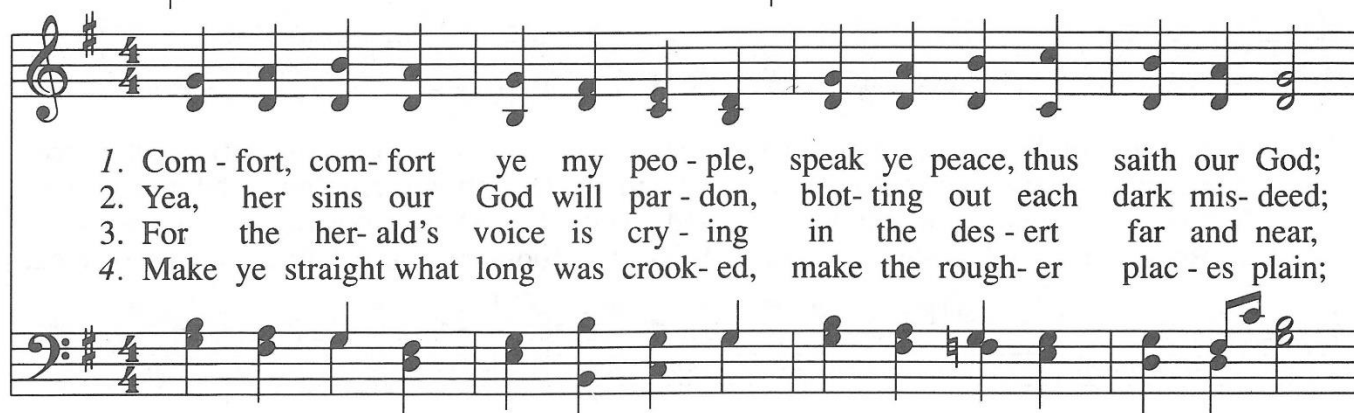
*"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
**let this be made known in all the earth.***

*<sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
**for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."***

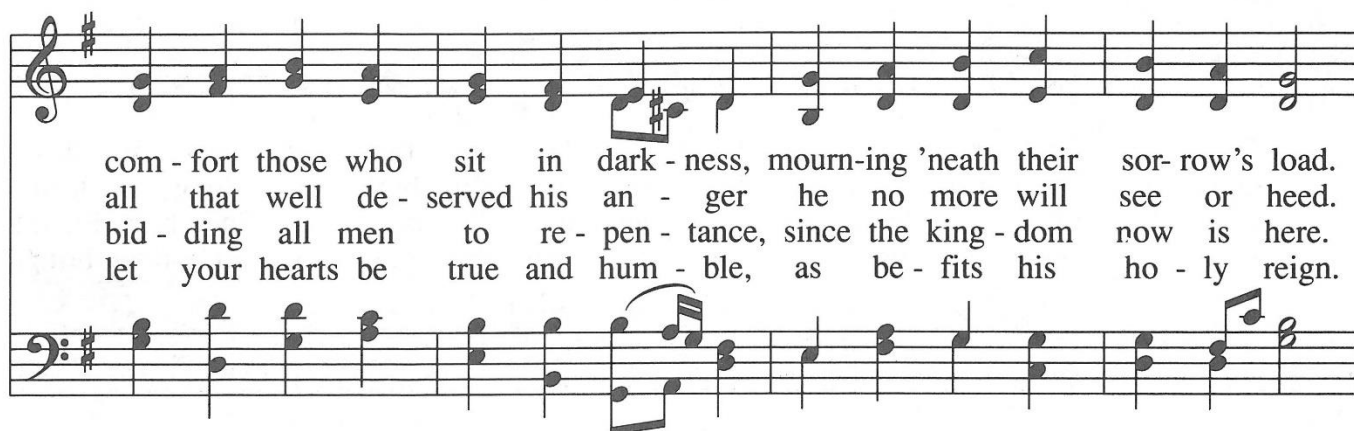
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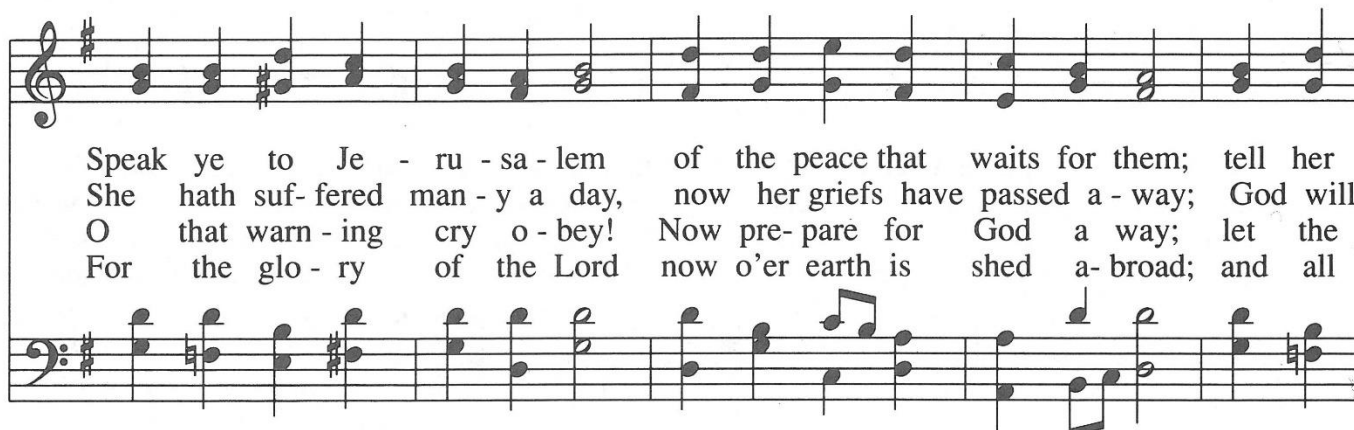
**Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**



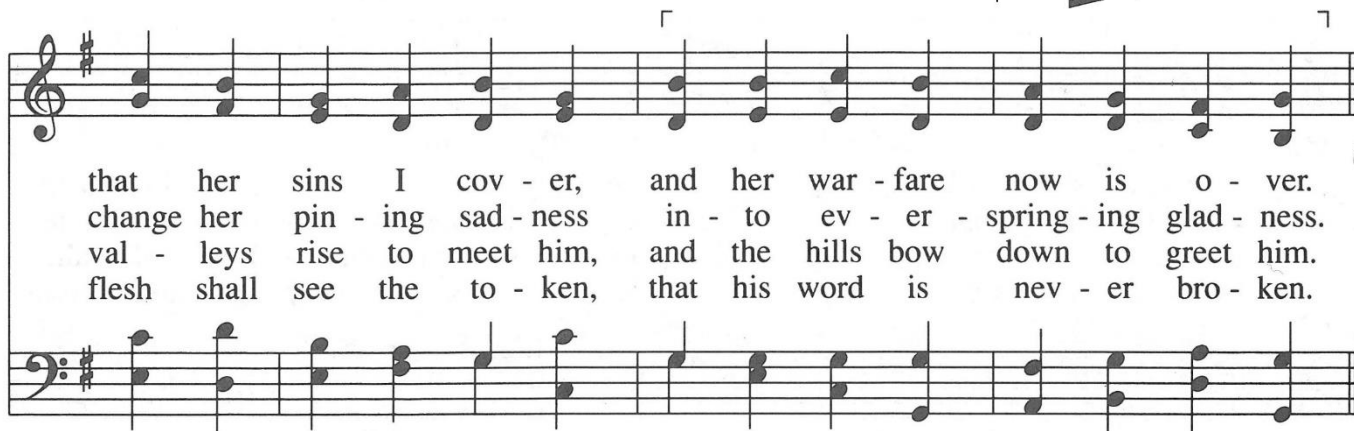
1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;  
 3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;



com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.  
 all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.  
 bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.  
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them; tell her  
 She hath suf - fered man - y a day, now her griefs have passed a - way; God will  
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; let the  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad; and all



that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 flesh shall see the to - ken, that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

## **\*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

### **\*Confession of Faith:        Westminster Larger Catechism Questions 39-40**

Q. 39. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be man?

**A. It was requisite that the Mediator should be man, that he might advance our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.**

Q. 40. Why was it requisite that the Mediator should be God and man in one person?

**A. It was requisite that the Mediator, who was to reconcile God and man, should himself be both God and man, and this in one person, that the proper works of each nature might be accepted of God for us, and relied on by us, as the works of the whole person.**

### **\*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 5:12**

*But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.*

### **Confession of Sin**

### **Assurances of Pardon in Christ**

**1 John 2:25**

*And this is the promise that he made to us— eternal life.*

# Offering Our Prayers to God

## Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of December 19-25, 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](http://www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-eneews))  
**Derry Township Assistant Chief of Police Terry D. Ferree**
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):  
**Vice President Kamala Harris**
- **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:  
**Canada**
- **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](http://www.joshuaproject.net)). "...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)  
**Balanta, Kentohe of Gambia, Guinea, and Guinea-Bissau**  
**Population: 409,900; Language: Balanta-Kentohe; Religion: ethnic religions**

### Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues:**  
**Tim and Vicki**
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):  
**Deacon Keith Dolon**
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):  
**Faith Reformed Presbyterian Church, Quarryville, PA**
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**  
**Mike and Ashley Troxell, serving with MTW in Honduras**

**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.

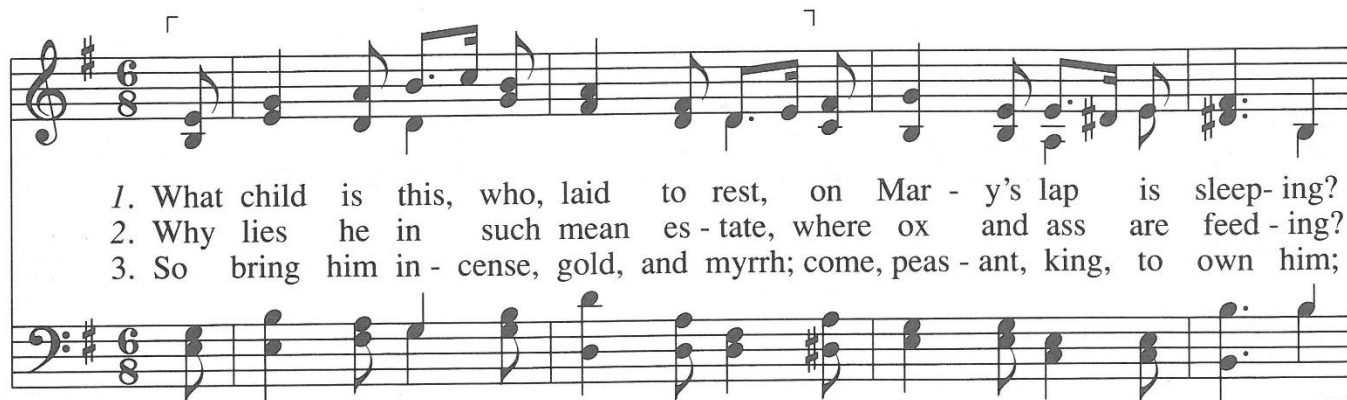
## Our Tithes & Offerings

*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](http://hersheypca.com).*

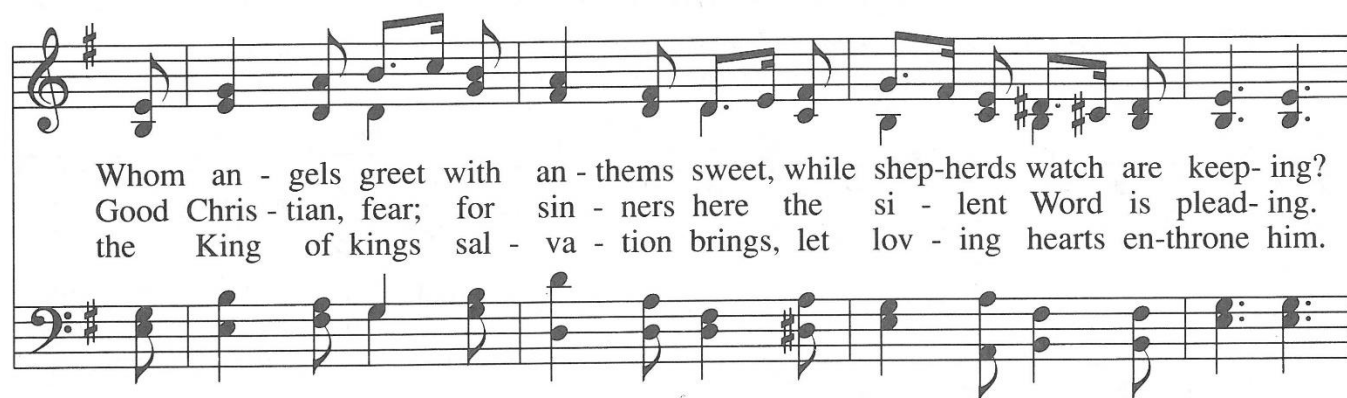


**\*Song of Preparation:**

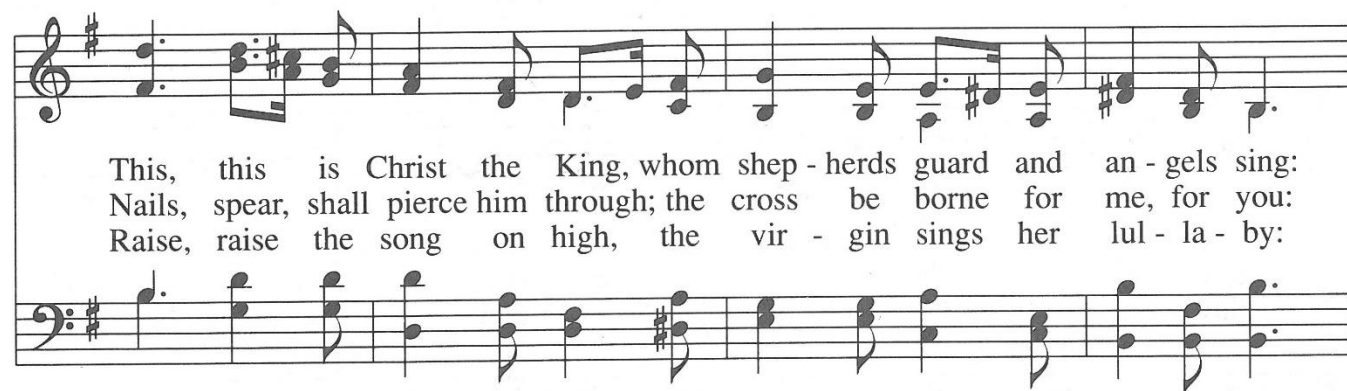
**What Child Is This**



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?  
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.  
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.



# 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:**

**Luke 1:26-56**

*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said,*

*"Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"*

*<sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her,*

*"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

*<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel,*

*"How will this be, since I am a virgin?"*

*<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her,*

*"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God."*

*<sup>38</sup> And Mary said,*

*"Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."*

*And the angel departed from her.*

*<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry,*

*"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."*

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

*"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.  
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.*

*<sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.*

*<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
<sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;  
<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever."*

<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon: Mary's Lesson to Us**

Text: Luke 1:46-55

Pastor David Kertland

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ joy (vv. 46-49)
2. ...with a \_\_\_\_\_-filled invitation (vs. 50)
3. ...to join in a \_\_\_\_\_-centered praise (vv. 51-55)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of the humble
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of the hungry
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of his people

### **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 is in a chalice-style cup having the grape juice or wine on one side and the bread on the other. Be sure to note that **only the grape juice** has **gluten-free bread** and is marked with "**gluten-free**" on the seal.

As a server comes to you, please indicate your preference of either: Grape juice with the *gluten free* bread or the wine with bread/wafer (has gluten).

**Song for Reflection** during the distribution of the elements:

"A Cradle Carol"

(see lyrics on next page)

### Prayer

## A Cradle Carol

words by Rebekah Pringle, music by Dan Forrest

Lord Jesus, Savior, infant weak,  
Why come to earth as one so meek?  
A newborn babe, helpless and small;  
And yet Creator of us all.

Thou hast no beauty, form, nor grace;  
No fortune, rank, no fame, no place  
That men should see Thee and adore  
A babe so humble and so poor.

But to the soul whose eyes are healed,  
To whom the Truth has been revealed,  
Thy glory challenges the sun;  
Thou art a thousand joys in One.

Though strangers see a babe in straw,  
Thy children see the Lord of all  
Who laid aside His rightful reign  
To take away our sin and shame.

This sacrifice of love divine,  
This condescension to mankind  
With beauty robes Thy lowly frame,  
And glorifies Thy matchless name.

O aid my worship, Mighty King,  
That I might with the angels sing,  
“Glory to God on high!”  
Now crowned again beyond the sky!  
Oh, help me see Thee and adore  
This Savior child, my God and Lord.

# Confessing Our Faith in God

**\*Song of Dedication and Service:**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
2. God of God, Light of Light;  
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him  
lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God  
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

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born the King of an - gels;  
got - ten, not cre - a - ted;  
in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let  
late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

# Receiving God's Blessing

## \*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

## 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](mailto: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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