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Third Sunday in Advent

Front Cover Artwork

Front Cover: *Annunciation*, early 17th century, Workshop of Niccolò Roccatagliata (Italian, born Genoa, active 1593–1636), Bronze, 4 5/16 × 6 1/4 × 7/8 in., 2.3 lb. The Erich Lederer Collection, Gift of Mrs. Erich Lederer, The Met. In the public domain. https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/207644, accessed 11/28/2022.

Given its weight (2.3 pounds) and painterly roughness, this bronze Annunciation should not be considered a plaquette, but rather a small relief. Gabriel, accompanied by rays of light, greets the Virgin, who raises her hands in surprise. Between them, a table holding a book and flowers is rendered with an inaccurate perspective, and incense wafts upward. A casting flaw is visible on the Virgin's cheek. The reverse of the relief is flat.

Charles Avery attributed this work to Nicolò Roccatagliata based on its stylistic similarities to the large, highly ambitious Allegory of the Redemption, a bronze relief in the church of San Moisè, Venice, signed and dated 1633 by the artist and his son Sebastiano Nicolini. A native of Genoa, Roccatagliata likely moved to Venice in the early 1590s.[2] His first biographer, Raffaele Soprani, stated that he made models for Tintoretto. The sense of movement and the vibrant handling of the material in the Annunciation are indeed reminiscent of the late sixteenth-century Venetian painterly tradition. The relief's surface is characterized by a vivid plasticity. Some of the elements are delineated only by rapid scratches. On the one hand, what James David Draper called the composition's "dramatic pictorial language" is certainly appealing to the modern eye. On the other hand, the coarse approximation of anatomical proportions (in particular, the excessively large heads and hands) and the clumsy perspective cannot be ignored. Such primitive treatment would be unusual for Roccatagliata, who is among the indisputable masters of Venetian bronze sculpture.

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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.

Thank you to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Ruth Adams (usher), Ephraim Church (leading worship), Bonnie Kertland (vocals), David Kertland (preaching), Mark Linstedt (vocals), Pam Linstedt (vocals), Nathanael Marengo (sound), Anita Wood (piano), Don Wood (vocals), and Grace Zhang (flute).

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

Today's Communion Servers are Andrew Bosworth and Joe Kearns.

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle — The McIlvaine Family

Isaiah 2:2-5:

It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,
3 *and many peoples shall come, and say:*

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
4 *He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples;*
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

5 *O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Praising God

*Call to Worship Psalm 126:1-3

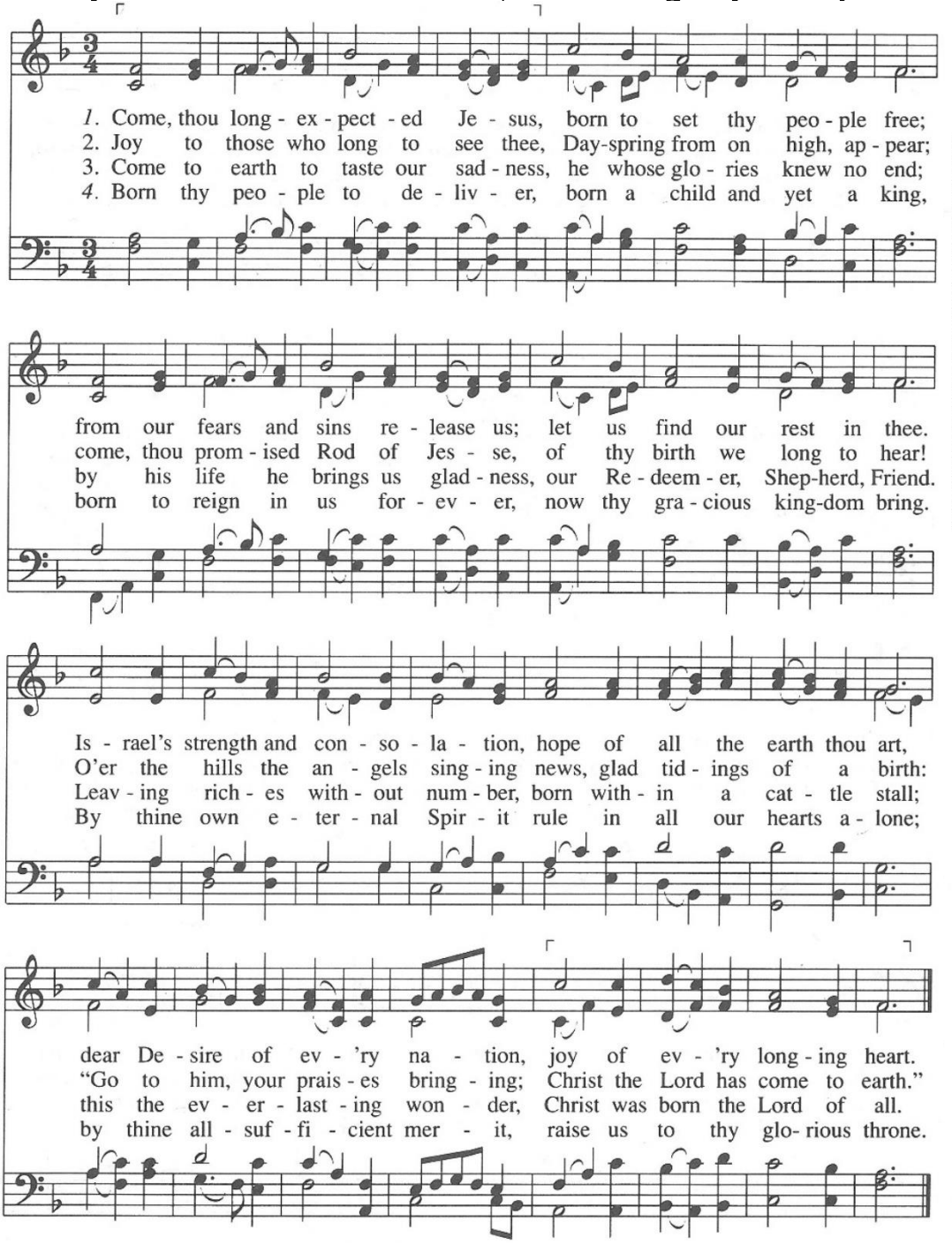
When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

2 *Then our mouth was filled with laughter,*
and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

3 *The LORD has done great things for us;*
we are glad.

*Response of Praise: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



St. 1, 4, Charles Wesley, 1744
St. 2–3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978
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Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1855

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Confession of Faith: Hebrews 1:1-4

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,
whom he appointed the heir of all things,
through whom also he created the world.
3 He is the radiance of the glory of God
and the exact imprint of his nature,
and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.
After making purification for sins,
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
4 having become as much superior to angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs."

*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 — Luke 12:15-21

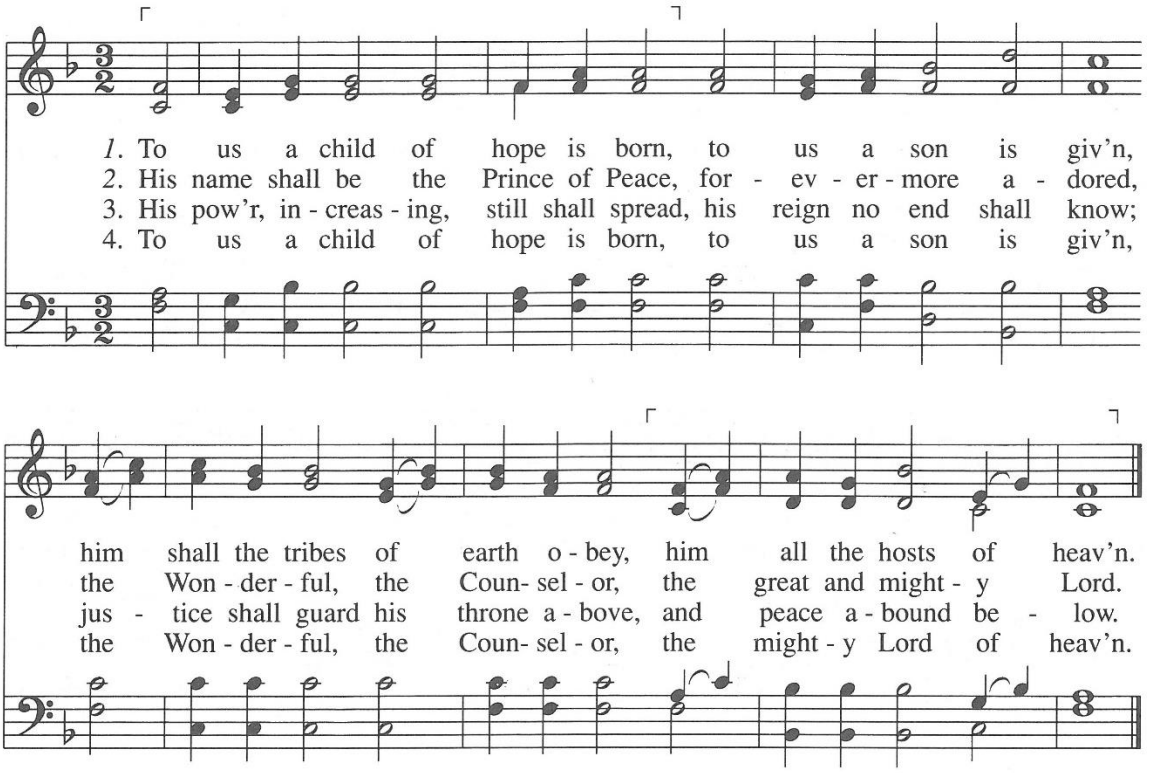
"And he [Jesus] *said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.'* 16 *And he told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully,* 17 *and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?'* 18 *And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.* 19 *And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.''* 20 *But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'* 21 *So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.'"*

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon — Ephesians 2:4-7

"God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 *even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved—* 6 *and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,* 7 *so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."*

*Song of Thanksgiving: To Us a Child of Hope is Born



John Morison, 1781; alt.

I DO BELIEVE C.M.
Traditional English melody

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of December 11-17, 2022

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)

  The Hershey Company
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):

  PA Lieutenant Governor John Fetterman
- **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:

  Japan
- **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)

  Bania Golapurab of India

  Population: 60,000; Language: Hindi; Religion: Hinduism

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

- **Health issues:** ***Lois***
- **Those Who Serve in our Local Church** (ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):

  Set-up Team
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery:

  Hanover Valley Presbyterian, Hanover, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**

  Craig and Ree Coulbourne (MTW, Japan)

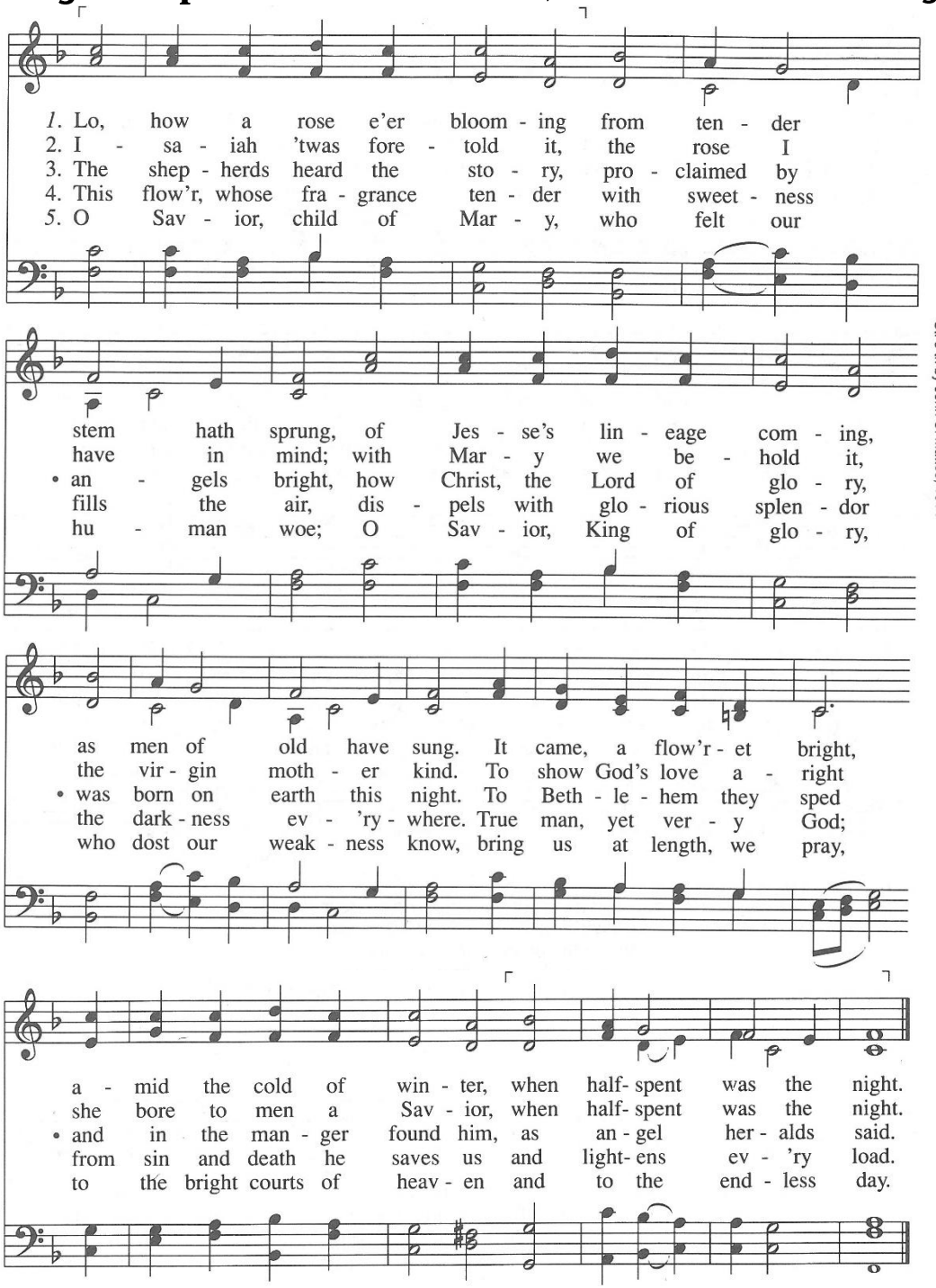
The Lord's Prayer: We will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

"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.

Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Song of Preparation: Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming



German hymn, ca. 1500
St. 1–2 tr. by Theodore Baker, 1894
St. 3–4 tr. by Harriett R. Spaeth, 1875
St. 5 tr. by John C. Mattes, 1914

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN 7.6.7.6.7.6.
German melody, 15th cent.
Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1609; alt.

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: Malachi 3:13-4:3

"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD.
But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?'
14 You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? 15 And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'"
16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name.
17 "They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. 18 Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.
4:1 For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.
2 But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. 3 And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: *They Shall Be Mine:* A Series from Malachi: (6):

Repentance and Your Heart

Today's Text: Malachi 3:13-4:3 Pastor David Kertland

1. Who _____ whom?

2. Personal _____

3. The _____ re-affirmed

   a. _____

   b. _____

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)

Pastor Kertland's approach and planned schedule for the series in Malachi:

A Two-Part Message **Worked out in three main themes** [with texts and planned preaching dates]

1. *Consider!*
Listen to the Word

a Consider Your ***Heart*** [1:1-5; 11/06/2022]

b Consider Your ***Worship*** [1:6-2:9; 11/13/2022]

c Consider Your ***Relationships*** [2:10-16; 11/20/2022]

2. *Repent!*
Be Ready for the Coming Day!

c' Repentance and Your ***Relationships*** [2:17-3:5; 11/27/2022]

b' Repentance and Your ***Worship*** [3:6-12; 12/04/2022]

a' Repentance and Your ***Heart*** [3:13-4:3; 12/11/2022]

Conclusion: *"Ready for the Day"* [4:4-6; 12/18/2022]

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 hold out your empty and faltering hands to him, to receive grace from 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, but that you do not participate. It is a celebration of the Christian's union with the risen Jesus. 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

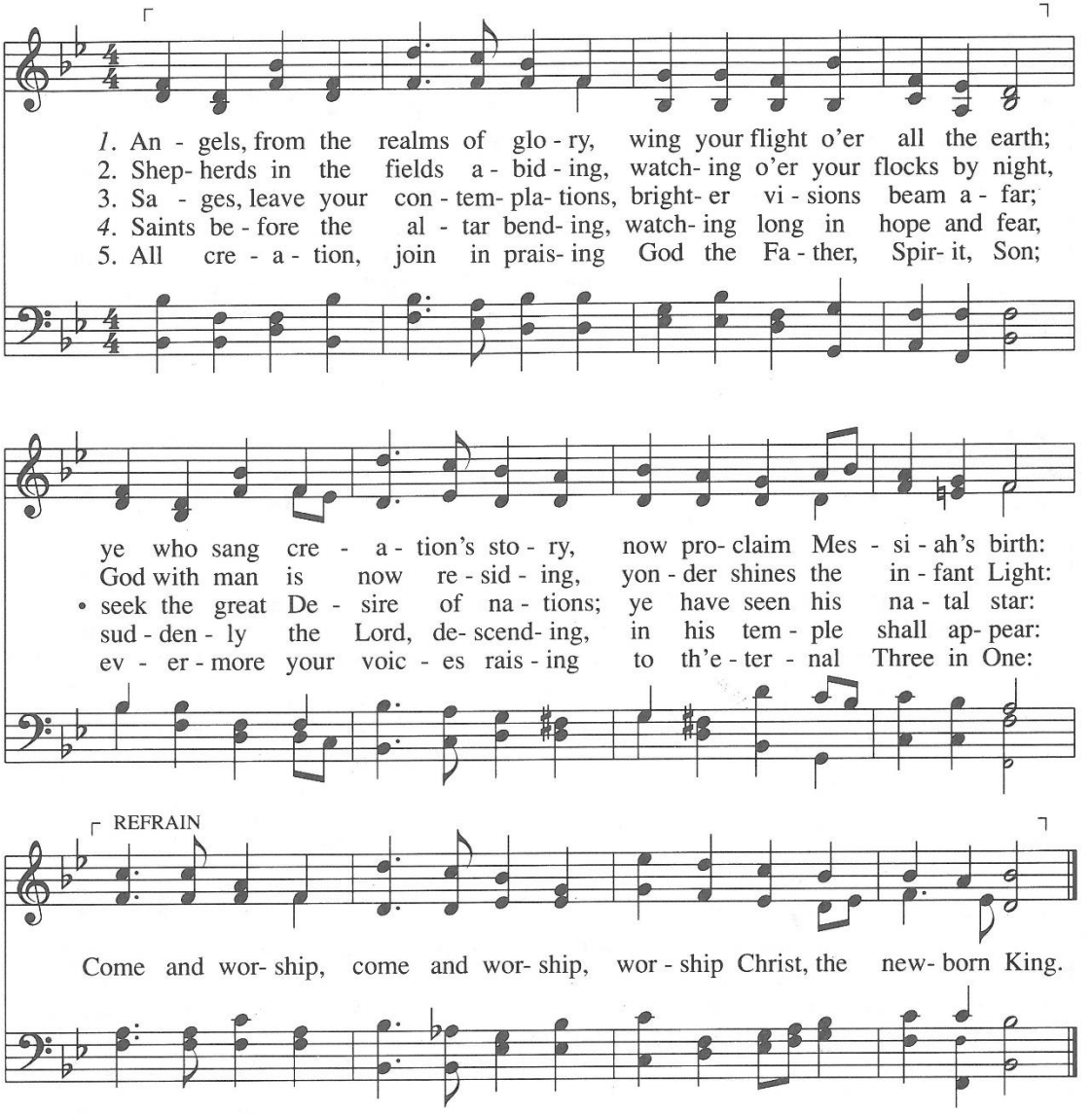
Receiving of the Elements

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 take a cup of your preference. The clear cups are filled with grape juice; the purple-tinted cups are filled with wine.

Prayer

Receiving God's Blessing

***Song of Dedication & Service:** **Angels, from the Realms of Glory**



James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

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Henry Smart, 1867

God's Blessing

*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

* Congregation standing

To our guests this morning: We are very glad that you have joined us for worship today. We hope you can stay a little while for conversation with our pastor and other Hershey PCA members and friends.

***After the service, greet someone* that you don't know.** If you see someone sitting or standing alone, welcome them in the name of Christ! The time after worship is a great time for mutual, one-another ministry in Christ, feel free to sit down with someone for conversation or prayer.

Today's Service Information

1) **Artwork:** Front Cover: *Annunciation*, early 17th century, Workshop of Niccolò Roccatagliata (Italian, born Genoa, active 1593–1636), Bronze, 4 5/16 × 6 1/4 × 7/8 in., 2.3 lb. The Erich Lederer Collection, Gift of Mrs. Erich Lederer, The Met. In the public domain., accessed 11/28/2022.
2) **Music**: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (196), "To Us a Child of Hope Is Born" (233), "Lo. How a Rose E're Blooming" (221), and "Angels from the Realms of Glory" (218) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
3) **Quotes:** Page 2: https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/207644. Various quotes describing worship elements are from: *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Ministers* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995).
4) **A note from Pastor Kertland:** A variety of commentaries and study aids have been used in preparing this and other sermons from Malachi, including: the insights and writings of James Montgomery Boice, John Calvin, Sinclair Ferguson, Matthew Henry, A. E. Hill, Eric Ortlund, Douglas Stuart, and others. Many of the insights belong to these and others, but the form and specific use of the Scripture text along with any errors that follow from them are my own.
5) 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!

Christmas Caroling & Fellowship Time - December 18, 3-6 PM

For everyone! We will meet at the Kertlands' home at 3:00 PM, carol their neighborhood, and then return to the Kertland home to share a light supper. Please bring a plate of Christmas cookies or a dessert. Sign up on the back table in our worship space or email bkertland@hersheypca.com.

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service

Come participate in our Lessons and Carols Service as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. Our annual Christmas Eve service is set for 6:00 PM on Saturday, December 24. Lebanon Valley PCA mission church is once again joining us for this celebration of Jesus's birth. 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. If you would like to read Scripture in this service, please email the church office.

Christmas Morning

We will have our regular Sunday morning worship service on December 25, Christmas Day at 10:00 AM. We will not have Sunday School classes that day.

New Year's Day

We will have our regular Sunday morning worship service on January 1, New Year's Day at 10:00 AM. We will not have Sunday School classes that day.

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