

December 26, 2021

10:15 AM

## FLORISSANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome! We are so happy to have you join us in-person, on Facebook live, or outside in our drive-in for worship today. If you are participating in our drive-in-service, please tune your FM receiver to the 107.9 station and you will be able to hear in stereo from inside your car.

### **HYMN:** Joy to the World #134

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Psalm 148)

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights! Praise God, all God's angels; praise God, all God's host!

**Many: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars! Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

One: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for God commanded and they were created.

**Many: God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

One: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

**Many: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

One: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**Many: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for God's name alone is exalted; God has raised up a horn for God's people, praise for all God's faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to God.**

**All: Praise the LORD!**

### **OPENING PRAYER Unison**

**Lord Almighty, the day of Christmas has come and gone, but today we gather in person and online to remember that the celebration of Christ among us is for today and forever. As the people of the Christ Child, let us be empowered and inspired that He is the Word which has become flesh and dwells in me, you, and all creation. We offer praise to God for the Holy Baby of Bethlehem who came for us so that we might be called children of God. Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE: Angels, from The Realms of Glory #143**

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
you, who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!
2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
yonder shines the infant light:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!
3. Sages, leave your contemplations;  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great desire of nations;

you have seen his natal star:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!

4. All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising  
to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION Unison**

**Mighty God, Jesus came into this world as a powerless and humble baby, but we confess that we desire the powerful and the self-sufficient to be our proven leader. In the darkness of our blind confusions about real power and true strength, we hide afraid that the Light of the World will shine too brightly on our faults and flaws. Forgive us, God, and move us to welcome the Light of the Christ Child into our hearts so that our vision might overflow with humility and our actions shine with the passion of Jesus' all-powerful love. Amen**

*Time for silent, personal prayer*

### **PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (all sing) # 582**

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. (x 3)  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

## **Colossians 3:12-17**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Luke 2:41-52**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

**SERMON:** Looking for Jesus

**MUSICAL OFFERINGS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **HYMN:** Go Tell It on The Mountain #136

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born!

1. While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]
2. The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]
3. Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

## **CHARGE and BLESSING**

### **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor  
Lift your eyes and see his face and his grace forever.  
May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.

### **POSTLUDE**



Dick, Bill, Georgiana, Candy, Ruth, Ellen, Tom, Lois, Lynn, Dianne, Fern,  
Doris, Carol, Sara, Pamela, Carole's niece Brittany, Mary's brother, Sue's friend Lill, Ruth  
& her great grandson, Sue & her brother-in-law Shawn and her sister Lynn.