



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

December 26, 2021
First Sunday after Christmas

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

Andante for Horn, TrV 155
Andre Richter, French horn

Richard Strauss

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 149

Joanne Lang, Liturgist

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people, he adorns the humble with victory!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; give ye heed to what we say:

Jesus Christ is born today; ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today!

Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss:

Jesus Christ was born for this! He has opened heaven's door; and we are blest forevermore.

Christ is born for this! Christ is born for this!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins with boldness, for God's light has come to shine in our darkness and remove the shadow of our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, who can make all things new, we humbly bring before you the record of our lives in the year now ending. Where life has been good to us, let us express our gratitude. Where we have failed or sinned against you or others, forgive us and free us from brooding over what is past. Cleanse us by your mercy, guide us by your truth, fill us with your love, lead us forward in your hope. Teach us to live with the certainty that with you all things are possible. Send to us the spirit of your own child, that we may greet with joy the renewed opportunity to live as your children. Hear now our silent confessions. *(Silent Confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, receive the good news: the light of Christ shines in our darkness, to bring light and life to all. By the gift of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

We Share God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

SERMON

"Disrupting the Narrative "

Bryan Williamson

We Respond to God's Word

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE OFFERING

Offertory

Offertory Music

Adieu

Ludwig van Beethoven

***Hymn of Dedication #606**

Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

***HYMN #134**

Joy to the World

**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.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as far as the curse is found.**

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

We Go Forth As God's People

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

May the Love of the Lord

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May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.

May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

POSTLUDE

Scenes from Childhood Op. 15. 6. An Important Event

Robert Schumann

***You are invited to stand.**

Worship Leadership Bryan Williamson, Preaching Joanne Lang, Liturgist John Holter, piano
Andre Richter, French horn Ushers: Lisa Jones, Tom Lee Ron Skinner, audio and video
Worship Ministry Team Chair, Joanne Lang

WORSHIP NOTES Based on CDC data and the COVID 19 infection rate in our county and state,
we are **requiring** that all people wear masks during worship. Masks are available at the welcome table.