

*AFFIRMATION IN SONG - Hymn 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines*

***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.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.***

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER OF PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Opening Words

Instrumental Solo

*Hymn 606

Improvisation on *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

The Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 136

Go Tell it on the Mountain

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

SEVENTH READING: *Now, may the God of hope so fill you with all joy, peace, and love in believing [through the experience of your faith in Christ] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound and be overflowing (bubbling over) with hope. (Romans 15:13, various)*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn 765

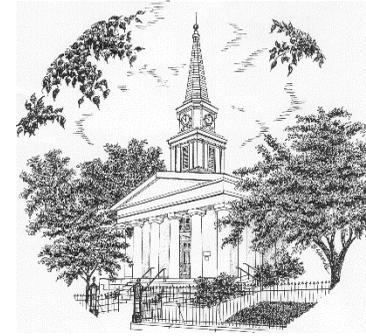
Song of Hope

***May the God of hope go with you every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new; faithful when we hear Christ's call.***

POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above

Johann Sebastian Bach



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
26 December 2021
11:00AM

GATHERING

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE

Improvisation on *What Child is This*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

4-Cents-A-Meal Offering

David Dax

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord from the heavens and in the heights;

Praise God, sun and moon!

God's name alone is exalted;

God is above the earth and heaven.

Young and old together, all creatures great and small,

Let us praise God's holy name, now and evermore!

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 111

From Heaven Above

CONFESSING

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of our lives and the time in which we live, we know you are with us through thick and thin, in times of great joy and at moments of disappointment. We confess we sometimes feel let down when the joy of Christmas day has passed. Our hope seems to get folded away with the gift wrap, our energy for the future feels a bit lackluster. Forgive us when our

**faithfulness flickers like a Christmas candle burning down.
Renew our hope and energy for the year ahead through the
steadfast grace of Christ our Lord.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 447

We Are Forgiven

***We are forgiven, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God, thanks be to God.*** (Repeat)

HEARING AND SINGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HOMILY & HYMN FEST

"Our Christmas Gifts"

Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle

FAITH

FIRST READING: *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, (born in a manger) who loved me and gave himself for me.* (Galatians 2:20, CEB)

HYMN 240, v. 1 & 3

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

JOY

SECOND READING: *These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.* (John 15:11, ESV)

HYMN 134

Joy to the World

PEACE

THIRD READING: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.* (John 14:27, NIV)

HYMN 824

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

LOVE

FOURTH READING: *Jesus himself said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.* (Matthew 22:37-38, ESV)

HYMN 62

Love the Lord Your God

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " (Matthew 22:39, ESV)

HYMN 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

HOPE

FIFTH READING: *Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.* (Romans 5:1-5, NRSV)

HYMN (Insert)

Hope Is a Star

JESUS

SIXTH READING: *Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledges that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.*

(Phil 2:9-11, NIV)

HYMN 264

At the Name of Jesus

RESPONDING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

by Stephen M. Fearing

We believe that God has come to us as a little child, making our weakness his strength, securing our salvation by becoming one of us, blessing us with with a steadfast savior, filling our hearts with joy to be shared with one another.

We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world, giving us a law that will be written upon our hearts, making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority, declaring an everlasting reign of peace, defeating the power of pain and suffering.

We believe that God calls us to participate in this reality of love, inviting us to proclaim Christ's resurrection at the Table, transforming us as disciples to go out into the world, sending us forth to announce his kingdom of peace and comfort, challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children.

This we believe.

This we preach.

This we seek to embody in word and deed.

Thank you to Tom Goodale for assisting with worship this morning. **Thank you** to our guest musicians, pianist Josh Harvey and trumpeter John Brodie. **Thank you** to our worship team - Leslie Groome (moderator), Maggie Irby (waiting room), Skip Hess (soundboard), and Buddy Bryan, Carol Bryan and Leslie Groome (usher team).

Worship Notes: Today's worship liturgy is adapted from the "Presbyterian Church in Canada's worship planner."

A reminder that the January 2, 2022, service will be a single service at 11:00 a.m.