

The Lord's Service

December 30, 2018

**Standing together is our ordinary practice,
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

*Song of Praise with Greeting

Worthy of Worship

Worthy of worship, worthy of praise, worthy of honor and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,
Worthy of all of the offerings we bring.

Chorus:

You are worthy, Father, Creator,
You are worthy, Savior, Sustainer.
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;
Worthy of worship and praise.

Worthy of reverence, worthy of fear, worthy of love and devotion;
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,
Worthy of all this and added to these. (Chorus)

Almighty Father, Master and Lord, King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counselor, Comforter, Friend,
Savior and Source of our life without end. (Chorus)

(1992 McKinney Music)

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet the living God in worship.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 145.10-13

LEADER: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!

PEOPLE: **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,**

LEADER: To make known to the children of man your
mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor
of your kingdom.

PEOPLE: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and
your dominion endures throughout all
generations. The Lord is faithful in all his
words and kind in all his works.**

*Hymn

No. 207

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

*Invocation

Elder Tony DeMarco

God Cleanses Us

Reading of the Law of God

Deuteronomy 4.36-39

LEADER: Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire.

PEOPLE: And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power,

LEADER: Driving out before you nations greater and mightier than yourselves, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day,

PEOPLE: Know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

*Whether seated or kneeling,
let us approach the Lord together with a posture of reverence.*

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Heavenly Father,
You have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have often gone our own way
and rejected Your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of Your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By Your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for You
and to please You in every way,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 1.3-5

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Hymn

No. 211

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God Consecrates Us

Old Testament Reading Elder Mark Lander
Isaiah 2.1-5 (p. 567)

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebration of Baptism August Joy Bailey

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music Nicole Lewin
In the Bleak Midwinter

*Doxology No. 731

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of the Church Pastor Bennett

*Hymn No. 215
While by the Sheep We Watched at Night

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2.1-6 (p. 807)

Sermon

Pastor Jones

AN INQUIRY

*Hymn

No. 226

As with Gladness Men of Old

*Confession of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 26

LEADER: How is Christ a King?

PEOPLE: As a King, Christ brings us under His power, rules and defends us, and restrains and conquers all His and all our enemies.

*Gloria Patri

No. 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Postlude