

# WORSHIP NOTES

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God* is a hymn by Isaac Watts, first published in words-only

form in the London 1715 *Divine Songs Attempted in Easy Language for Children*. Its tune,

*Ellacombe*, is an 18th century German tune that appears in a number of collections with

Roman Catholic associations, but seems to have been used in England only since 1868. It is

a spacious tune, well-matched to this text surveying the wonders of creation.

The text for *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* is said to have been written for use on

Pentecost in 1758, and may have been issued on leaflets. The earliest extant copy of the text

appeared the following year in a publication that may win an award for the longest title:

*A Collection of Hymns for the Use of the Church of Christ: Meeting in Angel-Alley, Whitechappel,*

*Margaret-Street, near Oxford-Market, and other churches in fellowship with them* (London,

1759). Although it is not a very polished text, it shows considerable energy and ingenuity.

Once paired with its current tune, it became very popular. The tune *Nettleton* is a shape-

note tune first published in 1813.

*We Know That Christ is Raised* is a newer hymn, written in 1967 while the author,

John Brownlow Geyer, was a tutor at Cheshunt College in Cambridge in England. Much

exciting scientific work was taking place in laboratories around the university, and this text

was created in an effort to claim some of that creative energy for Christian proclamation.

**Luca Marenzio** (born Coccaglio, Italy, October 18, 1553; died Rome, August 22, 1599),

composer of *Tribus miraculis*, was an Italian composer and singer of the late Renaissance.

He was one of the most renowned composers of madrigals. Marenzio worked in the service

of several aristocratic Italian families, including the Gonzaga, Este, and Medici, and spent

most of his career in Rome.

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— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —

## First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of the Lord

— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

**WELCOME** The moments before worship are a transition from “getting here” to “being here.” Since it usually takes a few minutes to quiet one’s mind, and to become open to the Spirit, it is most appropriate to give one’s friends a silent wave of the hand, a nod of the head, or a friendly smile in lieu of initiating a conversation.

**AFTER THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**, in order not to disrupt the worship service, latecomers will be seated by the ushers only at times when the congregation is standing, either during the Congregational Response following the assurance of forgiveness or during the second hymn.

**VISITORS**, please know how welcome you are. Please sign the Friendship Book when it passes you during the service of worship and identify yourself with a name tag to be found in the book. You are also cordially invited to attend Coffee Hour following worship. Women’s Association Hospitality Committee members Helen B. Pennoyer will assist with coffee hour.

**IN THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** that follows, an asterisk (\*) invites all to stand; items in bold type face indicate that the congregation participates in word or song.

**LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

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THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Eleanor B. Palmer and Louisa W. Jones.



NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be the Rev. Dr. Kimberly L. Clayton.

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## THE BRICK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*  
“Allegretto”  
Meg Cutting, *organist*

## WELCOME AND INVITATION TO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**MINUTES FOR MISSION** *Brooke L. Fadale*  
“Women’s Association 76th Fair Dinner Dance”

*Pamela J. Thorpe*  
“Pastor Nominating Committee”

## CHORAL INTROIT

*George Thalben Ball (1896-1987)*  
“Draw Nigh to God”  
Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

**People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord is enthroned forever.

**People: May the Lord give strength to God’s people  
and bless the people with peace!**

## \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288

*Ellacombe*  
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE 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.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In Your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Amen.**

## KYRIE 574

*David N. Johnson (1922-1987)*  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 68, verse 4) *Puer nobis nascitur*

**To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in one,  
May every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise.**

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

## PRESENTATION

## HYMN 498

*Kingdom*  
“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”  
(Verse 1)  
*Please remain seated.*

The child being baptized today is:

Elizabeth Stuart Boswell  
*daughter of Elizabeth Jenkins Boswell and Taylor Picton Boswell*

*Elders Oliver T. Moses and Helen B. Pennoyer will assist with today’s baptisms.*

## BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

## BAPTISM

## BLESSING AND WELCOME

## HYMN 498

*Kingdom*  
“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”  
(Verses 2-4)  
*Please remain seated.*

# THE WORD

*Children will be dismissed for Sunday Church School classes after the baptisms.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Helen M. Lynch*  
Acts 10:34-48 (Pew Bible, page 129 N.T.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## \* HYMN 356

*Nettleton*  
“Come, Thou Fount of every Blessing”

## SERMON

*Rev. Dr Kimberly L. Clayton*  
“God’s Surprising Evangelism”

# THE RESPONSE

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray...

## \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*America*  
**Not for this land alone,  
But be God’s mercies shown from shore to shore;  
And may the nations see that we must loving be,  
And form one family the wide world o’er. Amen.**

## \* INVITATION TO OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Luca Marenzio (1553-1599)*  
“Tribus miraculis”  
Tribus miraculis ornatum, diem sanctum colimus: hodie stella magos duxit ad praesepe; hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias; hodie in Jordane a Joanne Christus baptizari voluit ut salvaret nos, Alleluia.  
*We solemnly observe this day ornamented with three miracles: today the star led the magi to the manger; today wine was changed to water at the wedding; today Christ desired to be baptized by John in the river Jordan so that He might save us, Alleluia.*  
—Antiphon for the Epiphany

## \* DOXOLOGY 592

*Old Hundredth*  
**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.**

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# THE SENDING

## \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 495

*Engelberg*  
“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

## BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Nicolas Lebègue (1631-1702)*  
“Les Cloches”  
Meg Cutting, *organist*

*If you would like someone to pray with you or wish to learn more about the  
Christian faith and The Brick Church, you may meet with members of our  
Sunday Prayer Team after the service near the pulpit at the front of the Sanctuary.*