

LUKE 2:22-38

### JESUS IS PRESENTED IN THE TEMPLE

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.



— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —  
**Nativity of Jesus Christ**  
**Christmas Day**  
— 11 O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING —

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)

Psalms 98:1-9

John 1:1-14

#### TODAY’S WORSHIP

Today’s music is performed by the Chancel Choir and the Brick Church Brass and Percussion Ensemble. Our preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans. The instrumentalists at this service have been underwritten by a generous contribution from the Wallace Sacred Music Fund, established in memory of David W. Wallace.

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NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be The Rev. Adam D. Gorman

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# THE GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*anon. 17th century Italian*

“Galliard”  
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*  
Thomas Hoyt and Kevin Cobb, *trumpets*  
Lawrence DiBello, *French horn*  
Donald Hayward and George Hoyt, *trombones*  
Benjamin Harms, *percussion*

## WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## HYMN

*Adeste fideles*

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*(See music at the end of this bulletin or page 20 of E. Deane Turner’s “A Legacy of Sacred Songs”)*

## CHRISTMAS DAY OPENING PRAYER

# THE WORD

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## ANTHEM

*Appalachian carol, arr. John Rutter*

“I Wonder as I Wander”

wonder as I wander out under the sky how Jesus the Saviour did come for to die for poor ornery people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander out under the sky. When Mary birthed Jesus ‘twas in a cow’s stall with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all but high from God’s heaven, a star’s light did fall and the promise of ages it then did recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing a star in the sky or a bird on the wing or all of God’s Angels in heaven to sing He surely could have it, ‘cause he was the King.

Sean Clark, *tenor*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Christopher L. Allen*

Luke 2:22-38

*(See scripture text at the end of this bulletin)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

## MEDITATION

*The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans*

“The First Noel”

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

## INVITATION

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

## SANCTUS

*John Merbecke (c.1510–c.1585)*

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

## INSTITUTION

## HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please take Communion now.)*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Robin Nelson (b. 1943)*

“Out of Your Sleep”

Out of your sleep arise and wake, for God mankind now hath y take. And through a maidé fair and wise, now man is made of full great price; now angels knelen to man’s service, and at this time all this befell. Now man is brighter than the sun; now man in heaven on high shall won; Blesséd be God this game is begun and his mother the empress of helle (spiritual health). That ever was thrall now is he free; that ever was small now great is she, now shall God deem both thee and me, unto his bliss if we do well. Now man he may to heaven wend; now heaven and earth to him they bend. He that was foe now is our friend, this is no nay that I you tell. Now blesséd brother grant us grace, at doomés day to see thy face, and in thy court to have a place, that we may sing thee nowell. Out of your sleep arise and wake! —*15th century text*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

# THE SENDING

## HYMN

*Antioch*

“Joy to the World”

*(See music at the end of this bulletin or page 19 of E. Deane Turner’s “A Legacy of Sacred Songs”)*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Jean-Baptiste Lully (1632-1687)*

“Marche Royale”

Meg Cutting, *organist*

The Brick Church Brass and Percussion Ensemble

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

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ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)  
Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)  
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,  
 \*3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!  
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!  
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

*Refrain*  
 O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -  
 dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Hear the audio recording at:

<https://www.brickchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/O-Come-All-Ye-Faithful.mp3>

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# Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH CM with repeat

Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742  
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -  
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,  
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow  
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture  
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His  
 And heaven and na - ture sing,

And  
 sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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