

# Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,  
sharing Christ's love with all.*



# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Christmas

December 27, 2020

10:30 a.m.

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of glory, your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like him, may become beacons of your justice, and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.

## PRELUDE

"Ding Dong Merrily on High"

arr. Duker

Don Burlison, Recorder; Denise Smith, Violin; and Carolyn Kuffel, Cello

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the Good News! Christ has come among us!

**Our God has entered the world, our very existence, in the form of a child.**

Like God's people of old, we have longed for a Savior, and now the time is fulfilled.

**Let us welcome the One who brings the Kingdom of God into our midst.**

Let us worship God.

### HYMN (GTG) 143

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"  
Verses 1 and 4

(Regent Square)

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgiving God, as we throw away the wrapping paper and prepare to take down the tree, we confess that we sometimes put Jesus away like last year's ornaments. We confess that the celebration of Christmas often replaces the reality of Christ. Forgive us for taking him for granted; forgive us for putting out the Light. As the new calendar year dawns, help us to embrace your Son and enjoy his profound gift to humanity for many months to come. Help us to honor and remember Christ all year long. Amen.**

*(A time for silent confession)*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### GLORIA PATRI – (GTG) 113

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

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## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; OT Page 692

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:22-40; NT Page 58

## SERMON

“A Visit to the Temple”

Rev. John V. Carlson

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

arr. Kelley

Don Burleson, Recorder; Denise Smith, Violin; and Carolyn Kuffel, Cello

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles' Creed*, Ecumenical version)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Prayer family of the week:** Kyera Hooks

**Prayer institution of the week:** Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (Severna Park, MD)

## 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

## Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity, gender identity, or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice, and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

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On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,  
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

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*If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Steven Kerry (410-279-6545) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.*

*Today's liturgist is Anne Weadon.*

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<i>The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.</i>	
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