

Hillcrest Presbyterian Church in America
AM Order of Worship – December 13, 2020

Prelude

Please use the Prelude to prepare yourself for worship through silent meditation.

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer Requests

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Call to Worship

Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

Hymn #194

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. [Refrain]

3 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. [Refrain]

4 O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

5 O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. [Refrain]

Confession of Faith

WSC 94-95

WSC 94 What is baptism?

A. Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

WSC 95 To whom is baptism to be administered?

A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

Offertory

Please use this as a time for silent prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Reception by Profession of Faith

Lauren and Alison Onderko

Congregational Reading – Psalm 57

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+57&version=NKJV>

Confession and Intercession

Assurance of Pardon and God’s Love

Hymn #213

What Child Is This

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2 Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Scripture Reading:

Romans 8:5-11

Sermon:

“A Matter of Life and Death”

Pastor Steve Richman

Prayer of Application and Submission

Hymn #706

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

1 Jesus lives, and so shall I. Death! thy sting is gone forever!
He who deigned for me to die, lives, the bands of death to sever.
He shall raise me from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

2 Jesus lives, and reigns supreme; and, his kingdom still remaining,
I shall also be with him, ever living, ever reigning.
God has promised; be it must: Jesus is my hope and trust.

3 Jesus lives, and by his grace, vict'ry o'er my passions giving,

I will cleanse my heart and ways, ever to his glory living.
Me he raises from the dust: Jesus is my hope and trust.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well naught from him my heart can sever,
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell, joy nor grief, henceforth forever.
None of all his saints is lost: Jesus is my hope and trust.

5 Jesus lives and death is now but my entrance into glory.
Courage, then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;
thou shalt find thy hopes were just: Jesus is the Christian's trust.

Benediction

Hymn #735

Gloria Patri

Postlude