

**Hillcrest Presbyterian Church in America**  
AM Order of Worship – December 27, 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 #195**

*Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come*

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

## Confession of Faith

WSC 98-100

Q. 98. *What is prayer?*

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

Q. 99. *What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?*

A. The whole word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's prayer.

Q. 100. *What doth the preface of the Lord's prayer teach us?*

A. The preface of the Lord's prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven, teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

## Offertory

*Please use this as a time for silent prayer*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Congregational Reading – Psalm 59

Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;  
Defend me from those who rise up against me.  
Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,  
And save me from bloodthirsty men.  
For look, they lie in wait for my life;  
The mighty gather against me,  
Not *for* my transgression nor *for* my sin, O Lord.  
They run and prepare themselves through no fault *of mine*.  
Awake to help me, and behold!  
You therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel,  
Awake to punish all the nations;  
Do not be merciful to any wicked transgressors. *Selah*  
At evening they return,  
They growl like a dog,  
And go all around the city.  
Indeed, they belch with their mouth;  
Swords *are* in their lips;  
For *they say*, "Who hears?"  
But You, O Lord, shall laugh at them;  
You shall have all the nations in derision.  
I will wait for You, O You his Strength;  
For God *is* my defense.  
My God of mercy shall come to meet me;  
God shall let me see *my desire* on my enemies.  
Do not slay them, lest my people forget;

Scatter them by Your power,  
And bring them down,  
O Lord our shield.  
*For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips,  
Let them even be taken in their pride,  
And for the cursing and lying *which* they speak.  
Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*,  
That they *may* not *be*;  
And let them know that God rules in Jacob  
To the ends of the earth. *Selah*  
And at evening they return,  
They growl like a dog,  
And go all around the city.  
They wander up and down for food,  
And howl if they are not satisfied.  
But I will sing of Your power;  
Yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning;  
For You have been my defense  
And refuge in the day of my trouble.  
To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises;  
For God *is* my defense,  
My God of mercy.

### **Prayer of Confession and Intercession**

### **Assurance of Pardon and God's Love**

### **Hymn #219**

*All Praise to Thee, Eternal God*

1 All praise to thee, eternal Lord,  
clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;  
choosing a manger for thy throne,  
while worlds on worlds are thine alone.

2 Once did the skies before thee bow;  
a virgin's arms contain thee now:  
angels who did in thee rejoice  
now listen for thine infant voice.

3 A little child, thou art our guest,  
that weary ones in thee may rest;  
forlorn and lowly is thy birth,  
that we may rise to heav'n from earth.

4 Thou comest in the darksome night  
to make us children of the light,

to make us, in the realms divine,  
like thine own angels round thee shine.

5 All this for us thy love hath done;  
by this to thee our love is won:  
for this we tune our cheerful lays,  
and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.

**Scripture Reading:**

John 16:1-33

**Sermon:**

“Jesus Has Overcome”  
Pastor Steve Tipton

**Prayer of Application and Submission**

**Hymn #297**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name!*

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall,  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,

Refrain:  
and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

2 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God  
who from his altar call,  
who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, (Refrain)

3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, (Refrain)

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, (Refrain)

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
on this terrestrial ball,

to him all majesty ascribe, (Refrain)

6 O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall,  
we at his feet may fall!  
we'll join the everlasting song, (Refrain)

**Benediction**

**Hymn #735**

*Gloria Patri*

**Postlude**