



**9:30 am Worship Service  
December 12, 2021**

We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning!

**Reformed Presbyterian Church** exists to be a stream of God's refreshing grace for people from all walks of life.

**Today's Speaker:** Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas, Sr. Pastor  
Worship Leader: Phil Weaver  
Organist: Courtney Abbott-Fogie

**PRELUDE**

*Gloria/ trad.*  
*Hark the Herald Angels Sing/ arr. R. Sprunger, L. Sprunger*  
Janelle Labs, piano

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**WE APPROACH GOD**

IN WORD

Isaiah 60:1-3 (NIV)

**Unison: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

IN PRAYER

**\*WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 208

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF CHRIST**

THE ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

Dustin & Christina Martin

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

*We Seek the Tiny King/* R. E. Schram

**\*WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

*The First Noel*

Leader: The angel said to Joseph, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”  
from Matthew 1:20-23 (NIV)

*Immanuel*

**MISSION MOMENT**

Stephan & Susan Beck, video

**WELCOME TO ALL**

**WE SEEK GOD’S FACE**

Prayers of God's People

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

*Messiah/* F. Battistelli, M. Reed, J. Pardo  
Josh & Katelyn Falk, vocals

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING I John 2:28-3:3; Galatians 4:3-7 (NIV)

SERMON

*When He Appears*  
Advent series: Between Two Advents  
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

**\*WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **230**

*Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor*

\*WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO MUSIC ROOM AND SUNDAY SCHOOL  
HOUR (4 years through 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

*Jubilate Deo*/ G. F. Handel

## SONG LYRICS

### **208 *O Come, All Ye Faithful***

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light:  
lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:  
very God, begotten, not created;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
Glory to God in the highest:  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
late in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*, Words attr. To John Francis Wade, Trad. by Frederick Oakeley, Music from John Francis Wade's *Cantus Diversi* ©Public Domain CCLI License # 79597

## **God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**

God rest ye merry gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray

O tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father  
A blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name

O tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises  
all you within this place  
In Christian love and charity  
each other now embrace  
This holy tide of Christmas  
reveals to us God's grace

O tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

*The First Noel*

The first Noel  
the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds  
In fields as they lay  
In fields where they  
lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night  
that was so deep  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
That hath made heaven and earth nought  
And with His blood mankind hath bought  
Noel Noel Noel Noel  
Born is the King of Israel

***Immanuel***

Immanuel  
Our God is with us  
And if God is with us  
Who could stand against us?  
Our God is with us  
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**230 *Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor***

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love's sake becamest poor;  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender,  
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man;  
Stooping so low, but sinners raising  
Heavenward by thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
Make us what thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Saviour and King, we worship thee.

*Thou Who Wast Rich, beyond All Splendor*, Words by Frank Houghton, Music French  
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## SCRIPTURE READING

I John 2:28-3:3 (NIV)

<sup>28</sup> And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

<sup>29</sup> If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

<sup>3:1</sup> How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Galatians 4:3-7 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. <sup>6</sup> Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "*Abba*, Father. <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.