



**Lancaster
Presbyterian
Church**

*A Congregation of
the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church*

**Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus
Senior Pastor**

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Philippians 2:9-11 Exaltation

⁹And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; ¹¹having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Next Sunday, January 3, 2021 we will resume back to TWO services at 8:30am & 11:00am. Communion will take place during both services. Adult Education & Sunday School will take place at 9:45am.

Purpose:

**For God's glory
we are committed
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
in all we say and all we do
to make and equip disciples
in our families, our community, and the world.**

Core Values:

**We believe in the authority of Scripture
and we affirm
the historic teachings
of Reformed Christianity.**

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

December 27, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM

**Welcome to
Lancaster
Presbyterian Church**

Large Print Bulletins
and
**Hearing Assistance
Devices**
are available
An usher will assist you.

Child Care is provided
through kindergarten in the
preschool wing on the first
floor.
An usher will guide you.

Prayer Cards are
available for special prayer
requests. Prayer cards can
be found in the pew
envelope holders and as
you enter the balcony.
They can be placed in the
offering basket.
A wooden box in the back
of the sanctuary is available
for confidential prayer
requests.

Please silence your
cell phone.

** Stand, if able*

Prelude

Welcome – Pastor Kelly

Call to Worship: Lighting of the Advent Candle

Joy to the world the Lord is come.

All: *"Having obtained help from God, we stand to this day testifying both to small and great, stating nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place; that the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He would be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."*

Unison Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Please use us in building Your kingdom. Increase our capacity for service and hasten the day of Your return. For Your praise and glory we pray, Amen.

*Hymn: *Away In A Manger*

Red Hymnal #187

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

You are holy; You are mighty; You are worthy of all praise.

We bow down; we worship You

with hearts full of thanksgiving for this great salvation
that You have wrought for us.

We bless Your holy name.

Please hear the confession of our sins in the silence of this moment.

Silent Confession

Blessed Trinity,

There is forgiveness with You
and life eternal.

There is joy in Your service
and fullness of life.

Continue with us, we pray,
through this life and the next
without end

in Jesus' name, Amen.

Children's Message

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all
blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures
here below;
Women: Praise Him above
ye heavenly host
Men: Praise Him above ye
heavenly host
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
All: Praise, Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost!

Hymn: *We Three Kings of Orient Are

Red Hymnal #206

Prayer for Illumination

Philippians 2:9-11

Exaltation

Pastor Kelly Negus

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 8, Paragraph 2

The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity,
is truly the eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father.
In the fullness of time He took on Himself the nature of man,
with all the essential qualities and ordinary frailties of man—
except that He was sinless.

Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
in the womb of the Virgin Mary out of her substance.

These two complete, perfect, and distinct natures,
the Godhead and the manhood,
were inseparably joined together in the one person of Jesus
without being altered, disunited or jumbled.

The person Jesus is truly God and truly man,
yet one Christ,
the only mediator between God and man.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Parting Song: *The First Noel

Red Hymnal #179 (Verses 1,2,4,6)

Postlude

Scott Wander, Organist

Away in a Manger

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"Ye shall find the babe . . . lying in a manger." — Luke 2:12

Source unknown, stanzas 1, 2

John Thomas McFarland, stanza 3

(SECOND TUNE)

CRADLE SONG

William J. Kirkpatrick

Unison



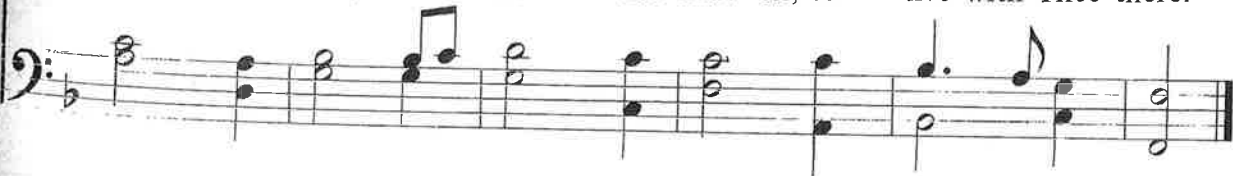
1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The lit - tle Lord
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus! I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -



1 Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked
 2 Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, Lord Je - sus! Look
 3 ev - er, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



1 down where He lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 2 down from the sky, And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 3 Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en, to live with Thee there.



Christmas

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We yearn, our Father, for the simple beauty of Christmas—for all the old familiar melodies and words that remind us of that great miracle when He who had made all things was one night to come as a Babe, to lie in the crook of a woman's arm.

Before such mystery we kneel, as we follow the Shepherds and Wise Men to bring Thee the gift of our love—a love we confess that has not always been as warm or sincere or real as it should have been. But now, on this Christmas Day, that love would find its Beloved, and from Thee receive the grace to make it pure again, warm and real.

We bring Thee our gratitude for every token of Thy love.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem
 . . . there came wise men from the East . . . — Matthew 2:1

John H. Hopkins, Jr.

KINGS OF ORIENT
John H. Hopkins, Jr.

1 We three kings of O-ri-ent are, Bear - ing gifts we trav-erse a - far
 2 *Born a King on Beth-le-hem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain,*
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I, In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh;
 4 *Myrrh is mine, its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom:*
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;

1 Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 2 *King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign.*
 3 Prayer and prais - ing all men rais - ing, Wor - ship Him, God on high.
 4 *Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.*
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Sounds thru the earth and skies.

O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to Thy per - fect light. A - men.

The First Noel

And there were in that same country, Shepherds . . . in the field . . .

THE FIRST NOEL

English Melody

— Luke 2:8

From Sandys' *Christmas Carols*

English Carol

1 The first no - el the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the
 3 And by the light of that same star, Three wise men
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west, O - ver Beth - le -
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full rev - erent -
 6 Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es

1 shep - herds in fields as they lay - In fields where they lay keep - ing their
 2 east, be - yond them far; And to the earth it gave great
 3 came from coun - try far; To seek for a king was their in -
 4 hem it took its rest; And there it did both stop and
 5 ly up - on their knee, And of - fered there, in His pres -
 6 to our heaven - ly Lord, That hath made heaven and earth of

1 sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 light, And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 tent, And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, no -
 4 stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 ence, Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.
 6 naught, And with His blood man - kind hath bought.

el! No - el, no - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Beginning next Sunday, January 3, 2021 we will resume back to TWO services on Sunday mornings.

Worship with us every Sunday

Traditional Service @ 8:30am

Contemporary Service @ 11:00am

Childcare provided at both services.

Masks are required & social distance guidelines will be followed.

Our services are also live on Facebook & our Youtube channel.

Sunday School & Adult Education - Every Sunday @ 9:45am

www.L-P-C.org

Please continue to watch our church website, LPC Facebook group, bulletins & e-newsletters for any changes or updates regarding changes to our services due to the current Covid situation.

Livestream Available

Sunday mornings @ 8:30am & 11:00am

Lancaster Presbyterian Church Youtube channel

and live on our Facebook page.

A full bulletin for each service can be found at <https://www.l-p-c.org/resources/bulletins/>.

Church Announcements

No Junior/Senior High Youth tonight and next Sunday, January 3rd.

2020 Annual Report

Please start preparing now!

Annual reports of all groups, committees, and ministries of LPC will be due in January. Reports should include all pertinent information, personnel and accomplishments of 2020. Please send to the church office by January 15th in order for your report to be included in the Annual Report. The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 12:30pm.

Help Our Sunday School Children Give A Little Warmth This Christmas Season

Our Sunday School children are collecting mittens, hats and scarves. Items can be brought in all during December. A box is located at the entrances to the church.

Attention Members: New offering envelopes for 2021 are available in the lower foyer of the church. If you have any concerns or questions please call Diane Carlsen. Also, if you need envelopes or do not wish to have envelopes please let Diane know.

