

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT
Palms Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 2, 2022 • 2nd Sunday of Christmas

WE COME TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

Sing a New Song unto the Lord
The Chancel Choir

Daniel Schutte

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord a new song!

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S GRACE

* Hymn (#134)

Joy to the World

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God who was and is and is to come, you hold past, present and future in your hands, ever-present and ever-faithful. But we distort memory and forget the mercies you have shown us. We fill today with distraction and the present hurries past. We try to control the future and our hearts overflow with worry. We confess to you our feeble faith. As a new year begins, help us to be grateful, help us to cherish each moment as a gift, and help us to be hopeful about what is to come, trusting in your gracious purpose for this world.

(A moment for silent confession.) Amen.

* *Stand if able*

Kyrie (#121)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

(verse 4)

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Assurance of Forgiveness

* **Response (#132)**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

(verse 3)

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Amen.

Time for Children

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation. I hear the real, though far off, hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? Though all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing! It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

* **Doxology (#150)**

As with Gladness Men of Old

(verse 3)

As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ to thee, our heavenly king.

* **Prayer of Dedication & Illumination**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

John 14:1-3

Anthem

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Gordon Young

Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in me.
In my father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also. Amen.

Second Reading

Psalm 137:1-4

Sermon

"The New Normal"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (#839)

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Congregational Meeting

The meeting of the congregation will be called to order during the 8:30 service and adjourned during the 11:00 service. The purpose of the meeting is to bring official closure to the Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini's ministry at Palms Presbyterian Church.

Litany of Endings and New Beginnings (see insert)

Response (#306)

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

(verse 1)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People & 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.

Words of Institution

* Charge & Benediction

The Gift of Bread and Cup

You are invited to receive bread and cup as you exit the Sanctuary.

The flowers on the chancel are given to God's Glory and in celebration of Coralie Williams' 90th birthday on January 5th! Her children rise up and call her Blessed.

John 14:1-3

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

Psalm 137:1-4

By the rivers of Babylon—
there we sat down and there we wept
when we remembered Zion.
On the willows there
we hung up our harps.
For there our captors
asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying,
"Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"
How could we sing the Lord's song
in a foreign land?

Let us know you're here!

Please take a brief moment to let us know that you have joined us for worship today. Pull out your phone and visit **palmschurch.org** and click "Worship Attendance." This simple form will help keep our church family connected.

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A Liturgy of Endings and Beginnings

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Today, we share this time of leaving with Rev. Dr. Laurie Furr-Vancini and her family. Laurie's time ends as our associate pastor, teacher, and leader. We also take this time to thank Laurie's husband Jeff, who served Palms in many ways over the years, including his time as an ordained Elder & Deacon in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Additionally, we thank Charlie, Sam, and Abbie for the numerous ways they contributed to Palms with their love, service, mischief, and laughter as children, youth, and young adults.

ALL:

***We send you with love for your journey,
hope for your future
and joy enough for each new day.***

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For the baptisms celebrated here,

ALL: Thanks be to God.

For those times in which we were comforted and reminded
that both in life and in death, we belong to God,

Thanks be to God.

For the power of God's word proclaimed here
in scripture and in preaching and teaching,

Thanks be to God.

For the prayers said here for healing,
and the sick who have come here for prayer,

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and the memories which will remain with us as we live and work and serve together,

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As you go and we stay, we remain united in Christ Jesus.

Blessed be God forever.

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Commissioning

We send you now, confident that God will bless you: renewing your energy, refreshing your spirits, sparking your imaginations, strengthening your bodies, and filling your hearts with love for your continued call to life beyond this place. We commend you to God's care, for God's good works, and rich blessings.

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839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어
성령과 피로써 거둔나니
이세상에서 내 영혼이
하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요
이것이 나의 찬송일세
나사는 동안 끊임없이
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내영
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서
자비와 사랑 속삭이는
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼
주안에 복되고 평안하니
세상도 없고 나도 없고
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴

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Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.