



January 3, 2021
6:00pm

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

Music

"Praise the God of Grace and Glory"

Verse 1:

Praise the God of grace and glory / for the wonders of his love; / angels tell of his great mercy / in giving us his Son. / Through the Holy Spirit's power, / Christ our savior comes to birth, / bringing glory to the Father / and hope to all the earth.

Chorus:

Glory to God in the highest heaven, / peace on earth, mercy for all! / See how the gift of love is given: / Christ the Lord is born for us.

Verse 2:

God is veiled in human weakness, / born to bear our grief and sin. / Grace and truth draw near to save us / in Christ the humble King. / Praise the God of restoration / or the gift of Christ our King / Join the angels' celebration, / come, worship him and sing:

Chorus:

Glory to God in the highest heaven, / peace on earth, mercy for all! / See how the gift of love is given: / Christ the Lord is born for us.

Music

"In the Beginning"

Verse 1:

In the beginning was the Word / and the Word was God / and the Word was with God. (x2)
And everything that has been made / has been made through him, / nothing made without him. (x2)

Pre. Chorus:

In him was life, / that life was light for everyone / The darkness tries, / but the light will not be overcome.

Chorus:

The light that shines for everyone / has come into the world. / The light of Christ the only Son / has come into the world, has come into the world.

Verse 2:

He made his dwelling in the world / as the Word made flesh, / and we've seen his glory. (x2) / And in the sending of the Son, / grace and truth have come / through the one and only. (x2)

Chorus:

The light that shines for everyone / has come into the world. / The light of Christ the only Son / has come into the world, has come into the world.

Scripture Lesson: John 1:14-18

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Sermon

"Glory, Grace, & Truth"

Sacrament

The Lord's Supper

Prayer and Lord's Prayer (contemporary version)

Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Music

"Jesus is Here"

Jesus is here, moving among us, / bringing good news to the poor. / Jesus is here, healing the broken, / calling the lost to come home.

Jesus, you're the living promise, / God has come among us / full of grace and truth. / Saviour, shining in the darkness, / rescuing the helpless, / making all things new.

Jesus is here, freeing the captives, / breaking the chains of our sin. / Jesus is here, raising the fallen, making the dead live again.

Jesus, you're the living promise, / God has come among us / full of grace and truth. / Saviour, shining in the darkness, / rescuing the helpless, / making all things new.

Jesus is here, calling disciples, / teaching the way of the cross. / Jesus is here, giving his Spirit / breathing new life into us.

Jesus, you're the living promise, / God has come among us / full of grace and truth. / Saviour, shining in the darkness, / rescuing the helpless, / making all things new.

Offering

Music

"Shine Jesus Shine"

Lord the light of Your love is shining / In the midst of the darkness, shining / Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us / Set us free by the truth You now bring us / Shine on me / Shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine / Fill this land with the Father's glory / Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire / Flow, river, flow / Flood the nations with grace and mercy / Send forth Your Word, Lord And let there be light

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence / From the shadows into Your radiance / By the blood I may enter Your brightness / Search me, try me, consume all my dark / Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire / Flow, river, flow / Flood the nations with grace and mercy / Send forth Your Word, Lord And let there be light

Shine, Jesus, shine / Fill this land with the Father's glory / Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire / Flow, river, flow / Flood the nations with grace and mercy / Send forth Your Word, Lord And let there be light

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness / So our faces display Your likeness / Ever changing from glory to glory

Mirrored here by our lives tell your story / Shine on me / Shine on me

Shine, Jesus, shine / Fill this land with the Father's glory / Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire / Flow, river, flow / Flood the nations with grace and mercy / Send forth Your Word, Lord And let there be light

Benediction and Blessing

WORSHIP ARTS TODAY

On the cover: Tissot, James, 1836-1902. *Journey of the Magi*, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Tissot's "Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ" project took nearly ten years to complete. When it was done, it chronicled the entire life of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament in a series of 350 watercolors. To research the project Tissot traveled to Egypt, Syria, and Palestine in 1886–87, and again in 1890. While in the Holy Land he closely observed the landscape, the vegetation, the architecture, and the manner of dress, and filled sketchbooks with what he saw. He talked with rabbis and studied Talmudic literature as well as theological and historical volumes. He believed that there was still a remaining "aura" in the places where the Gospel events took place, and he spoke of having mystical experiences that added to his careful research. What he wanted to create was something as close as possible to an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus." [from Terry Glaspey's "75 Masterpieces Every Christian Should Know"]

Welcome to worship online and limited onsite with Germantown Presbyterian Church. Our sincere prayer is that you will find a place here among those who already call GPC home. We know these are difficult days, and we are so glad you can join our service in the way you feel most comfortable. We are truly glad God brought you here!

Interested in joining GPC? You are welcome here! For more information on how to join, please contact Kathleen Boyd at 901-833-3413 or kkboyd@comcast.net.

GPC's pastors can always be reached in an emergency or crisis. Please call the church, 901-754-5195, and then press 1 to reach the on-call pastor.

TEACHING NOTES