

# Wintergarden Presbyterian Church



*“Cross My Heart”*

Rev. Ruth Schaaff

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Prelude

*“The Glory of the Lord”*  
Lloyd Larsen

Welcome

Wintergarden Life

*Our Liturgist today is Bob Stout*

Pass the Peace of Christ

\* Gathering Song (#40)

*“Joy to the World”* vs1

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Call to Worship

Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

People: All the shining stars praise you, O God, for you commanded and they were created.

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and women alike, old and young together!

People: Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for your glory is above earth and heaven.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

Eternal God of the covenant, you have clothed your people with the garments of salvation, and covered them with the robe of righteousness. We praise your name for your work of redemption, sending us Jesus as the promise of peace. Hear our rejoicing as we sing hymns of thanksgiving; hear our prayers as we give voice to our inmost thoughts. Fill us with the presence of your living Spirit, and give us wisdom to live in the light of your gifts.

Hymn (#22)

*“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”* vs 1,3&4

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye, who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!
3. Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations;  
Ye have seen His natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

4. All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising  
To the eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

\*Prayer of Confession [Unison]

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The year is soon spent. What we ought to have done still awaits action, while we commit acts not in accord with your will. We think of ourselves before others; we serve our own needs. We keep for ourselves the gifts of your graciousness. The new life you offer is not yet proclaimed in the land. Forgive us our sins and make us more faithful. Help us to use our time wisely as we follow Christ's way.

\*Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear Paul's words of assurance: "If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. . . . The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." In Christ we are forgiven.

\*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be...world without end! Amen. Amen.*

Words with Young Worshipers

Prayers of the People

Hymn (#25)

*"Away in a Manger"* vs1&3

1. Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

First Reading

Psalm 100(NRSV)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

## Second Reading

Matthew 26:69-75(NRSV)

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, 'You also were with Jesus the Galilean.' But he denied it before all of them, saying, 'I do not know what you are talking about.' When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, 'This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.' Again he denied it with an oath, 'I do not know the man.' After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, 'Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.' Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know the man!' At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: 'Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

## The Word Proclaimed

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### \*Affirmation of Faith [Unison]

The Nicene Creed

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from Heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His Kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the Resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

## Invitation to Offering

### Choral Offertory

*"Mary Rock-a Your Baby"*

### \*Doxology [Unison]

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures, here below!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God of redemption, you bless your creation and it springs forth with beauty. You judge your people with righteousness and new life abounds. We bring you now the fruits of our labors. Bless the work of our hands, so that what we do reflects the radiance of your love. Fill us with your Holy Spirit; so that what we say proclaims to all people the new hope in Jesus.

# Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Prayer of Thanksgiving [Responsive]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

### The Lord's Prayer [Unison]

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

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

### Communion Anthem

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*

### Prayer of Praise

### Hymn (#38)

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"* vs1&4

1. It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heaven's all gracious King":  
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.
4. For lo, the days are hastening on, By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever-circling years Comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing.

### \*Benediction

### \*The Benediction Response (#29)

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"* Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

### Postlude

*"Wake Up, Church! Wake Up!"*  
Pepper Choplin



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**Called by Christ...Commissioned to Care!**

