

Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God — 10:30 a.m. on December 13th 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 18:28-33

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

OPENING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (TH# 194)
John Mason Neale (1851)

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

3 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
[Refrain]

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

5 O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. [Refrain]

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended to the dead.
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 2

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

SERMON

Following Our Incarnate Lord to Our Home--Risks Included!
Rev. Wendell Stoltzfus

PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World! (TH# 195)
Isaac Watts (1719)

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Wendell Stoltzfus is an Orthodox Presbyterian minister, and Project Director for Equipping Leaders International, a ministry that trains and multiplies pastors and Christian leaders in the developing world. Prior to that he served as a pastor for fifteen years; three of those in Pottstown. He lives in Elverson with his wife, Priscilla, and their three (nearly grown) children Stephen, Elizabeth, and Christian.