



December 24, 2023

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

*Hymns and Songs of Worship and Adoration

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (TH #203)

Once in Royal David's City (TH #225)

*Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed

*Old Testament Scripture – Isaiah 7:10 – 17 (pg. 572)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Absolution

Pastoral Prayer

*Worship through giving back to God

As with Gladness, Men of Old (TH #226)

Sermon – The Women of Christmas, Part 5: Mary

Luke 1:26 – 37 (pg. 855)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Music for Meditation

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted (TH #257)

*Closing Song – Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come
(TH #195)

*Gloria Patri (TH #735)

*Benediction

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will 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.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hands. Forgive us, Lord, for how we have corrupted your good creation. Gracious Lord, you alone are righteous and holy, and in your presence no one can stand. Your gracious mercy is our only hope and we ask for your forgiveness. We pray for your cleansing touch to wash away our corruption, clothe us in righteousness, and to rework our lives anew. We pray these things in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Food for Thought

"O! to be little in our own eyes! this is the ground-work of every grace; this leads to a continual dependence upon the Lord Jesus; this is the spirit which he has promised to bless; this conciliates us good-will and acceptance amongst men; for he that abaseth himself is sure to be honored. And that this temper is so hard to attain and preserve, is a striking proof of our depravity. For are we not sinners? Were we not rebels and enemies before we knew the Gospel? and have we not been unfaithful, backsliding, and unprofitable ever since? Are we not redeemed by the blood of Jesus? and can we stand a single moment except he upholds us? Have we any thing which we have not received: or have we received any thing which we have not abused? why then is dust and ashes proud?"

— John Newton, Letters to Mr. ——— (June 7, 1767)