

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

January 8, 2017 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "How Bright Appears the Morning Star"

Buxtehude

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship: based on Hebrews 1:1–3

Long ago, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

now God has spoken to us by a Son.

God made the world through the Son, who has been appointed heir of all things and the perfect reflection of God's glory.

The Son is the exact representation of God's being, sustaining all things by his powerful Word.

Praise God for the gift of the Son.

We welcome the light of the world!

* Hymn: PH 370

"The King of Glory Comes"

PROMISED ONE

* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God,

And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* Prayer of the Day:

Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose Epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.

* Response: PH 345, v. 3

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Mendelssohn

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

mild, he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,

born to raise the lost on earth, born to give them second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal Light,
shine in our hearts;
 Eternal Goodness,
deliver us from evil;
 Eternal Power,
be our support
 Eternal Wisdom,
scatter the shadows of our ignorance;
 Eternal Compassion,
have mercy on us, that with heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to the Holy Presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

John 1:9, 12

God's Will for Our Lives:

I John 1:7-2:1

Response: PH 573

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 618

"Jerusalem the Golden"

EWING

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60; Revelation 21:22-22:5

Sermon: *Glory*

Prayer:

O God, you spoke your Word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that Word again so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.

* Hymn: PH 358

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

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THE RESPONSE OF FAITH

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Held

* The Apostles' Creed (Inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

Number 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you His peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 483, vv. 1, 4

"How Great Thou Art"

O STORE GUD

* Postlude: "Trumpet Tune on 'March of the Kings'"

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