

# MORNING WORSHIP

December 29, 2019 | 10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

*Upon entering the sanctuary, please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.*

*\* indicates congregation stands. | **Bold print indicates unison reading.***

Prelude: "On Christmas Night"

Page and Paxton

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

Call to Worship

Revelation 5:1–10

\* Hymn: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

PH 354:1,4,5

\* 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:

**We pray, O Lord, purify our hearts, that they may be worthy to become your dwelling place. Let us never fail to find room for you, but come and abide in us, that we also may abide in you, who were born into the world for us, you, who live and reign, King of kings and Lord of lords, now and for evermore. Amen.**

Response: "Joy to the World"

PH 337

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

1 John 3:7–10

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

1 John 3:5–6

God's Will for Our Lives

1 John 3:11–17

Response: "Come and Stand Amazed, You People"

PH 338

Congregational Prayer

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: "How Bright Appears the Morning Star" PH 357

Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 – grade K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading:

Luke 2:22–39 (p. 1015)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *St. Luke Unfolds the Mystery of the Incarnation*

Prayer

\* Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" PH 355

## OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "And the Glory of the Lord"

Handel

\* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

(Inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Benediction: Numbers 6:24–26

\* Doxology: "Worthy is Christ" PH 629

\* Postlude: "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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Minister: Rev. Dan Vos  
Organ: Sharon Bakker  
Piano: Laurie Vander Baan

*Prayer of the Day from The Worship Sourcebook, E.1.4 #10, p. 471*