

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Memorial Communion

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

"One Simple Prayer"

Welcome

Happy New Year! Greetings in the name of the Word incarnate whose glory we have beheld! I'm so glad that you could join us for this special Memorial Communion service in which we remember friends and loved ones who have joined the church triumphant in the last year. Christ's resurrection hope and the peace of God sustain you throughout 2021. -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #185

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

1. *Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"*
2. *Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"*
3. *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 us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"*

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Prayer of Confession

God of grace, you have given us Jesus, the Light of the world, but we choose darkness and cling to things that hide the brightness of your love. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Baptize us with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may preach your Word to the nations and tell of your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Light forever. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response #198

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

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Time with the Children (Kids spell Love T-I-M-E)

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

...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.

Prayer Response #185

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late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"***

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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

John 1:10-18

10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. (NIV)

Sermon

"Rejected and Received"

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

God's Invitation and Promises

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

O God, who in Jesus Christ called us out of darkness into marvelous light, enable us always to declare your wonderful deeds, to thank you for your steadfast love, and to praise you with heart, soul, mind, and strength, now and forever. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn #183

“Once in Royal David's City”

Once in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads his children on, to the place where he has gone.

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Benediction



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*In remembrance of the following members and friends
who went home to be with their Lord*

Edward Dithrich – November 23, 2019

*Lloyd Hildbold – January 14, 2020

*William J. Ernst Jr. – January 21, 2020

Stella Lehner – February 7, 2020

*Cash Owen Finegan – February 25, 2020

*William Watt – May 3, 2020

Jean Lindner – June 4, 2020

John Miller – June 11, 2020

*Nancy Dilanni – July 10, 2020

*Patrick Lyons – July 29, 2020

*George Schneider – August 16, 2020

*Steven Novalk – October 13, 2020

Claudia Gehr – October 14, 2020

*Thomas McNamara – October 22, 2020

*F. Elaine McClellan – November 24, 2020

Florence “Dolly” Sehn – December 8, 2020

*Richard L. Satcho – December 15, 2020

*Margaret “Peggy” Paul – December 22, 2020

George E. Carney – December 25, 2020

**Non-member*