

Charles Town Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 3, 2021

10:30am

Prelude

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

Psalm 89:5-8

Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord,
A God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,
and awesome above all who are around him?
O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord,
with your faithfulness all around you?

Hymn

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows, splendor bathes the flesh joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

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Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Holy One, forgive us when we fail to live in the good news of your Christmas story:
when we hear the choir sing, "Rejoice!" but we do not join their chorus; when we know
the angels say, "Do not fear," yet fear is all we can muster; when we see a star rising in
the east, but we turn away from its light. Forgive us, O Lord, of our sins. Convict us by
your Holy Spirit, and give us the desire to live for you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Annual Meeting. Since we will be worshipping virtually through mid-January at least, the session agreed to hold our annual meeting via zoom. We will hear reports from all committees, answer questions about 2021 ministry funding, and review the pastor's terms of call for 2021.

Here is the Zoom information: Time: Jan 10, 2021 11:45 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://zoom.us/j/94251222796?pwd=N1BsNlAzMjZmNEt5ZWNBblFCVkJRvUT09>
Meeting ID: 942 5122 2796 Passcode: CTPC21

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