

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

†**Hymn of Inspiration:** #113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

†Benediction

†**Response:** #136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain (verse 1)* arr. John W. Work III

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

†**Postlude:** *Trumpet Tune in D Major* Henry Purcell



Mission Statement:

“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”

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First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 30, 2018

10:30 am

O God, our Father, Creator of the universe,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, came to our world,
pour your Holy Spirit upon your Church,
that all the people of our world,
being led through the knowledge of your truth to worship you,
may offer the gold of intellect,
the frankincense of devotion,
and the myrrh of discipline
to him who is with you and the Holy Spirit
who liveth and reigneth for ever one God, world without end.

Church of Ceylon (Sri Lanka) from Prayers Encircling the World



Leading in Worship Today

Rev. Helen Rose Moore, preaching
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Service for the Lord's Day
Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Prelude: *Variations on Infant Holy*

Alexander Guilmant

Introit: #135 *There's a Star in the East Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*

African American spiritual

†Call to Worship:

Leader: We are brought together by the call of God,

All: the One who has loved us from the beginning.

Leader: We are bound together by the presence of the Spirit,

All: the One who has challenged us to love more deeply.

Leader: We worship together in the name of Christ,

All: the One who was Love made flesh.

†Hymn of Praise: #147 *The First Nowell (verses 1,2,4,5)*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

Most holy God, we come before You to confess that we create such a frenzy around the Christmas festivities that we find it hard to give You an hour or two of worship and praise. We forget that the center of the festival is the birth of Jesus, the holy Incarnation of Your love. You have such patience with us, gracious Creator, but we have little for You We are always in a rush to get somewhere else. Forgive us, Lord of life, and teach us patience and the joy of being in Your Presence with the family of faith. Help us to join all creation in singing of Your praises Touch us with Your grace as we continue our journey with the Child of Bethlehem, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

698 Take, O Take Me as I Am

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Take, O Take Me as I Am'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef, with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall'. The second system also has a treble clef and a bass clef, with the same time signature and key signature. The lyrics are: 'be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

(x 2)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In these moments, let God's peace dwell in your hearts. For God gives us hope, gives us peace, and gives us new life in the forgiveness of God's grace.

All: We are thankful, for in receiving God's forgiveness, we are freed to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Amen.

†#113 Angels We Have Heard on High (refrain)

†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Chancel Time with Children

Jessie Kuehner

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.

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Anthem: *A Carol of Hope*

Benjamin Harlan

Born in a manger, infant so lowly, child of holy birth;

Angels protect You, wise men adore You, Savior of all the earth.

All hope and joy in an infant boy were born on a starry night.

Love and peace shall never cease if we follow His blessed light.

Star in the heavens leads the way brightly to the infant boy.

Shepherds and wise men fall to their knees with hearts that are filled with joy.

All hope and joy in an infant boy were born on a starry night.

Love and peace shall never cease if we follow His blessed light.

There in a cradle, a simple stable, lies a tiny King.

All hope and love from our God above is the message that He would bring.

All hope and joy in an infant boy were born on a starry night.

Love and peace shall never cease if we follow His blessed light.

Prayer for Illumination: #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: I Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (p. 191)

Sermon Lesson: Luke 2:41-52 (p. 725)

Sermon: Looking for Jesus

Rev. Helen Rose Moore

Responding to the Word of God

†Affirmation of Faith -Apostles' Creed (p. 34)

†Hymn of Affirmation: #145 *What Child is This*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Noel Allemande*

Louis Couperin

†Doxology: #143 *Angels, from the realms of Glory (verse 4)*

†Prayer of Dedication (unison):

You bless us with an abundance of gifts, God of this holy season. We give freely, not as a reward for doing good, but to reach out with healing to the broken, to clothe those who shiver in winter and to bless others with the hope which comes from Christ. As we offer our gifts to You, we do so in the name of Jesus. Amen.