

†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 *O, Come All Ye Faithful*

Sigvart A. Hofland

Kindly remain in silence during the closing postlude, or depart very quietly



†Please stand as you are able.

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 of Christmas

December 29, 2019

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)
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Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Minute for Mission *First Sunday Lunch*

Caring and Fellowship Ministry

Prelude *He Is Born*

18th Century French Carol/arr. Alice Jordan

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

African American spiritual

†Call to Worship

Leader: Hope has come—

All: awakening us to new possibilities.

Leader: Peace has come—

All: inviting us to be agents of reconciliation.

Leader: Joy has come—

All: turning our hearts from fear to wonder.

Leader: Love has come—

All: transforming our lives, transforming our world.

Leader: We have come—

All: amazed and humbled by God's grace, to worship the newborn king!

†**Hymn of Praise** #134 *Joy to the World*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you are the Light of the World. Yet, too often, we shroud your light with our indifference. There is much we must confess: When we turn a blind eye to suffering, forgive us. When we are silent in the face of injustice, forgive us. When we choose comfort over compassion, forgive us. When we neglect to offer grace and love, forgive us. Gracious God, you entered into our broken world and made a home among the desperate and despairing. Give us eyes to see you in the faces of those whose vulnerability frightens us. Give us the will to care for our neighbors in need. Illumine the shadows of our lives with your light— which the most persistent darkness cannot overcome— and open our hearts to receive your grace.

Silent Confession

Liturgist Amen

Response #437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

†**Response** Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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†Sharing the Peace of Christ

Chancel Time with Children

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.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 63:7-9 (p. 530)

New Testament Reading Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 682)

Sermon "Fleeing and Finding a Home"

Rev. Dr. Fairfax Fair

Responding to the Word of God

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

†**Hymn of Affirmation** #123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music *Lullaby, Thou Little Tiny Child*

English Carol/arr. Anne A. Davis

†**Response:** #143 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory (verse 4)*

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,

evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:

come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

†Prayer of Dedication

Taking the Word of God into the World

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

†**Hymn of Inspiration** #132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

†Benediction