

**Worship for First Presbyterian Church, Newton**  
**October 18, 2020**  
**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude: "As the Deer"

Martin J. Nystrom/arr. Lloyd Larson  
(Sam Choate, trumpet)

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship:

We gather in our homes, near and far, to hear your Word.

**Bless us with your presence, and do not forget us, O Lord.**

Let everyone be joyful! Let the earth resound with God's praise!

**Hear our prayers and worship, O Lord our God.**

Opening Hymn: "Sing of God Made Manifest"

GTG # 156

**Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,  
To whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,  
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound;  
Myrrh and frankincense and gold gave and God and king foretold.**

**Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,  
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."  
Then from heaven a double sign – dove-like Spirit, voice divine –  
Hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."**

**Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest  
And at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;  
Further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
Bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.**

**Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
Where the law and prophets waned so that Christ alone remained:  
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face  
Towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.**

Prayer of Confession:

**We confess that we have let political issues divide us and cause rancor  
between us. We argue and fight over things that we would all like to  
change. We debate and cause hurt, when we could easily have more  
forgiving, understanding hearts. Forgive us, O God, and bring us together  
in the unity of Jesus Christ! We pray in his name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response: "I Come With Joy"

GTG # 515

**I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
In love laid down for me.**

Anthem: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"  
(Margy Butterfield, Soprano)

Kathleen Thomerson

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

(refrain) In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. (refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.  
(refrain)

Scripture: John 1:14-18

Sermon: "Full of Grace and Truth"

David Roquemore

Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"

GTG #634

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

(refrain) **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory; great things he has done!**

**Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (refrain)**

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

GTG # 347

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on he way,  
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away.**

**At his feet the six winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voiced they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!"**

Benediction

Sending Song: "Praise Ye the Lord"

J. Jefferson Cleveland

(refrain) Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah! Everybody praise the Lord.

Praise God with the sound of the trumpet. Praise God with the lute and the harp.  
Praise God with timbrel and dancing. Praise God wherever you are. (refrain)

Praise God with holy cymbals. Praise God with strings and with pipes.  
Praise God with clashing cymbals. Praise God with all of your might. (refrain)

Praise God in the holy temple. Praise God for almighty deeds.  
Praise God for those bountiful mercies, for God fulfills our needs. (refrain)

Praise God on the top of the mountains. Praise God both day and night.  
Praise God down in the low valleys. Praise God because it's all right. (refrain)

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