

# Service for the Lord's Day

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**Pre-Service Music** Suite du Premier Ton, mvts. V, VI Louis-Nicolas Clérambault  
Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

**Concerns of the Congregation** Margaret Heidenreich

**Call to Worship** Isaiah 60 Margaret Heidenreich

*One: Arise! Shine!*

**All: God's light has come to reveal the way in this New Year.**

*One: Arise! Shine!*

**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

*One: Arise! Shine!*

**All: God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.**

*One: Arise! Shine!*

**All: Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.  
Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

**Prelude** Suite du Premier Ton, mvt. VII Louis-Nicolas Clérambault  
Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

## Ringing of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and  
onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**\*Hymn #114** As with Gladness Men of Old

## \*Invocation

**All: Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation.  
Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls.  
Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe.  
Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today.  
Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.**

**\*Prayer of Confession:**

Margaret Heidenreich

**All:** Merciful God, whenever we seek you, love is what we find. But you do not always find the same when you seek us. Love is patient, but often we are impatient. Love is kind, but often we are rude. Love is not envious, but we often covet. Love does not insist on its own way, but we often do just that. Love does not rejoice in wrong doing, but we often celebrate violence. Love never ends, and yet we do not always seek your love as our ultimate purpose. Help us, loving God, to shed our sin and reflect the light of your love. Guide us that we might have faith in your presence, that we might hope in your providence, and, above all, that we might live with your love as our light.

**\*Moments of Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

*One: Though our efforts to love are often full of fault, God's steadfast love never fails. In Christ, turn to a new way of life for you are forgiven! This is the Good News.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

**Anthem**

I'll Walk with God

Russell Watson

Jordan Krack, Baritone

I'll walk with God from this day on. His helping hand I'll lean upon.  
This is my prayer, my humble plea. May the Lord be ever with me.  
There is no death, though eyes grow dim. There is no fear when I'm near to him.  
I'll lean on him forever and he'll forsake me never.  
He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong. Whatever road I may walk along.  
I'll walk with God, I'll take his hand. I'll talk with God, he'll understand.  
I'll pray to him. Each day to him and he'll hear the words that I say.  
His hand will guide my throne and rod and I'll never walk alone while I walk with God.

**Prayers of the People**

### The Lord's Prayer

**All:** 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.

### Offertory

Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

Fugue in E major, BWV 878

J.S. Bach

### \*Doxology #572

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
*At this time all children invited to go to Children's Church.*

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12  
Pew Bible pg. 528, 681; Large Print Bible pg. 1155, 1497  
*One: This is God's Word for God's People. All: Thanks be to God.*

Lisa Allgood

### Sermon

Show up!

Lisa Allgood

### \*Hymn #210

Hear, O My Lord, I See Thee

### Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

*We offer Communion during the worship service on the first Sunday of each month. We welcome anyone who proclaims Christ as Savior to partake. The Communion table is not restricted to Presbyterians. During the service, church elders will distribute the elements, while the congregation remains seated in the pews.*

#### The Invitation

#### The Thanksgiving

#### The Words of Institution

#### The Communion

We will share in the body together. You may drink of the cup when desired.

#### The Prayer of Blessing

**\*Apostles Creed**

**All: 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 rose 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.**

**\*Hymn #122**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Improvisation on *Divinum Mysterium*

Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Welcome to Lisa Allgood, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Cincinnati.**

Lisa will be leading in worship and communion today while Pastor Bob continues his vacation. If you have pastoral needs while Pastor Bob is gone, please leave a message on the church phone and he will be in contact with you.

**Looking Ahead — January 9, 2022**

Due to Pastor Bob's vacation, our Service of Healing and Wholeness will be held on January 9, 2022. If you would like to gather for prayer, meet in the Bride's Room to the west of the sanctuary directly following worship.

During the next several weeks we will be exploring the power and possibilities of New Year Resolutions. The story of Jesus's Baptism is the platform for this sermon series. From it we will do some moderately deep dives into the Bible to discover first, that God plans the future; second we need to plan our future in alignment with God's plan; and third, how do we know God's plan? This series will involve some Scripture text searches in the Bible, bring your own personal Bible with some note paper tucked inside. You may use the pew Bible, but since this is the time of year to begin new "habits", start bringing your own.

# As with Gladness Men of Old 114

*When they saw the star, they rejoiced . . .* Matt. 2:10

William C. Dix, 1858

DIX 77777  
Conrad Kocher, 1838

1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing  
2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly  
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger  
4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day Keep us in the

star be - hold; As with joy they hailed its light,  
man - ger bed, There to bend the knee be - fore  
rude and bare, So may we with ho - ly joy,  
nar - row way; And when earth - ly things are past,

Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most gra - cious  
Him Whom heav'n and earth a - dore, So, may we with  
Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest  
Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no

Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to Thee.  
will - ing feet Ev - er seek the mer - cy seat.  
treas - ures bring, Christ, to Thee our heav'n - ly King.  
star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide. A - men.

HIS BIRTH

# Here, O My Lord, I See Thee 210

*The things which are not seen are eternal.* II Cor. 4:18

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James Langran, 186

Horatius Bonar, 1855

1. Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
2. Here would I feed up - on the bread of God;  
3. I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
4. Mine is the sin, but Thine the right - eous - ness;

Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n  
An - oth - er arm save Thine to lean up - on;  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleans - ing blood.

Here grasp with firm - er hand th'e - ter - nal grace,  
Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:

And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.  
Thy blood, Thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God. A - men.

# 122 Of the Father's Love Begotten

*In the beginning was the Word . . . and the Word was God. John 1:1*

Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th century  
 Trans. by John M. Neale, 1854, and  
 Henry W. Baker, 1859

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8787877

Plain-song, 13th century  
 Arr. by C. Winfred Douglas, 1916

*Unison*

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be,  
 2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the Vir - gin, full of grace,  
 3. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prais - es sing,  
 4. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,

He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,  
 By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, Bare the Sav - ior of our race;  
 Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our God and King;  
 Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing And un - wea - ried prais - es be:

Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture  
 And the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er, First re - vealed His  
 Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - ery voice in  
 Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e - ter - nal

years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 sa - cred face, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 con - cert ring, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
 vic - to - ry, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

JESUS CHRIST

**This Week at Covenant-First**

**Sunday, January 2**

10:30 AM — Worship

11:30 AM — Fellowship Time

**Wednesday, January 5**

No Brown Bag Bible Study

**Friday, January 7**

9 AM to 1 PM — Funeral for members of Carmel Presbyterian Church

**Saturday, January 8**

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

**Planning Ahead**

**Sunday, January 9**

9 AM — Choir Rehearsal

9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School

9:30 AM — Teen Bible Study

10:30 AM — Worship

11:30 AM — Service of Healing and Wholeness in the Bride's Room

11:30 AM — Fellowship Time

**Wednesday, January 12**

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

**Saturday, January 15**

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

**Save-the-date:** Our fourth annual Organ Festival, in partnership with the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, is set for February 26 and 27, 2022. Renowned organist Bruce Neswick will lead a Master Class for CCM organ students on Saturday morning, February 26, and he'll give a recital on Sunday afternoon, February 27 at 4 PM, with a light reception following. Watch for more details in coming weeks, but mark your calendars now!