

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

January 1, 2023 at 10 am

*"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #28: "GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE"

Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart, and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
And we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all,
To gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

O Lord, call us so we may hear your voice.

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

O Lord, keep us in your ways and on your path.

We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

**O Lord, remind us that you lead us;
Guide us as we look to you and worship you.
Amen.**

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HYMN #276: "GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [REFRAIN]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [REFRAIN]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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"CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH"

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand.

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ.

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore.

*O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.*

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THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"Promises for a New Year"*—Chuck Guth

Lamentations 3:21-26

This I call to mind and therefore I have hope:

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him;

it is good to wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

Philippians 4:4, 6-9

Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*The ceramic jars in the offering plates are designated for the Deacons' Fund **and** the World Vision Fund. Our deacons provide care, support, and financial assistance to those in the congregation in need. The World Vision Fund supports a Sponsored Child through World Vision.*

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN #210: "O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST" (verses 1-3, 5)

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

- Tuesday, January 3** Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
- Fri, January 6** Stewardship Meeting (1:00 pm)
- Sunday, January 8** Communion
Potluck after the Service
- Thurs, January 12** Session Meeting (7:00 pm)
- Tuesday, January 17** Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
- Thurs, January 19** Deacons' Meeting (6:00 pm)