

Traditional Worship – 11:15 am

Advent Reading: Psalm 51:10-12, 1 Peter 1:8-9

Nick, Carmen, & Nicholas Feil

Prelude: O Little Town of Bethlehem arr. Dan Forrest

Call to Worship: Responsive Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (NIV)

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be on his shoulders,

And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Prayer of Adoration & Invocation..... Pastor Yurik

***Hymn: All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord No. 219**

**Indicates standing for those who are able*

Corporate Confession of Sin People

Adapted from "Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration" by Barbara Duguid

Heavenly Father, you are our great King. We are eager to declare our willingness to go where you command. Yet we confess that we are very weak and fickle. We are easily distracted and quick to follow our own sinful hearts instead. As we plan our futures, we think more

of our safety, comfort, and financial profit than we do of laying down our lives for the sake of your kingdom.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you did not guard your own interests, but chose to leave the comfort and richness of heaven for us. Teach us what it means to take up our cross daily and follow you. Help us put to death our overwhelming desires to control our own lives in the present and future. Change our selfish hearts. Enlarge them with a love and gratitude toward you so immense and powerful that following you will be our greatest joy and delight. Amen.

Private Prayers of Confession People

Assurance of Forgiveness Ephesians 1:7-8 (NIV)

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

***Hymn: What Child Is This No. 213**

***Dedication of Tithes & Offerings..... Pastor Yurik**

*Giving: box at the back of the sanctuary or faithwilmington.com/give
or Text "Give \$_" to 844-697-1460*

***Lord's Prayer People**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn: Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor No. 230**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:9 pew Bible page 1146

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon: Yet for Your Sakes..... Rev. Kevin Koslowsky

Prayers of Commitment

Prayer for Those Seeking God: *God, I long to know you in a personal relationship. I desire faith to trust that you are real and that you are found by all who seek you. Please honor my longings by having your Spirit work in me to draw me to you.*

Prayer for Those Receiving Christ: *Father, I have offended you by my words, actions and thoughts. There is nothing I can do to reconcile myself to you. I believe the words of Jesus Christ that no one can come to you except through him. I now accept the crucified and risen Christ as the only acceptable payment that could ever be made for my sin. I desire to follow and obey him.*

***Hymn: Thou Dost Reign on High No. 241**

Stanzas 1-4

Lord's Supper

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 (NIV)

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Serving of the Bread & Cup

***Hymn: Thou Dost Reign on High No. 241**

Stanza 5

***Benediction 1 John 5:20 (NIV)**

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

***Postlude: Ding Dong! Merrily on High..... arr. Sondra K. Tucket**

All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord

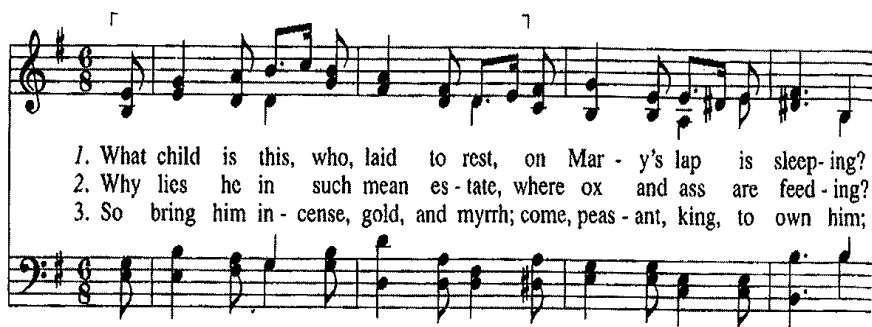
You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor. 2 Cor. 8:9

1. All praise to thee, e - ter - nal Lord, clothed in a
 2. Once did the skies be - fore thee bow; a vir - gin's
 3. A lit - tle child, thou art our guest, that wea - ry
 4. Thou com - est in the dark - some night to make us
 5. All this for us thy love hath done; by this to

garb of flesh and blood; choos - ing a man - ger
 arms con - tain thee now: an - gels who did in
 • ones in thee may rest; for - lorn and low - ly
 chil - dren of the light, to make us, in the
 thee our love is won: for this we tune our

for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine a - lone.
 thee re - joice now lis - ten for thine in - fant voice.
 • is thy birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth.
 realms di - vine, like thine own an - gels round thee shine.
 cheer - ful lays, and shout our thanks in cease - less praise.

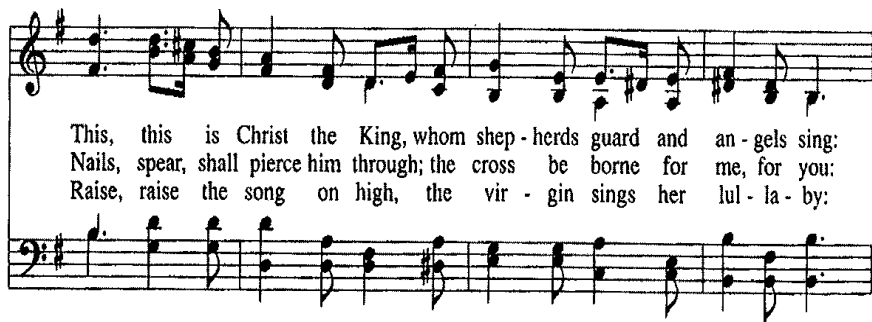
What Child Is This

Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? Matt. 2:2


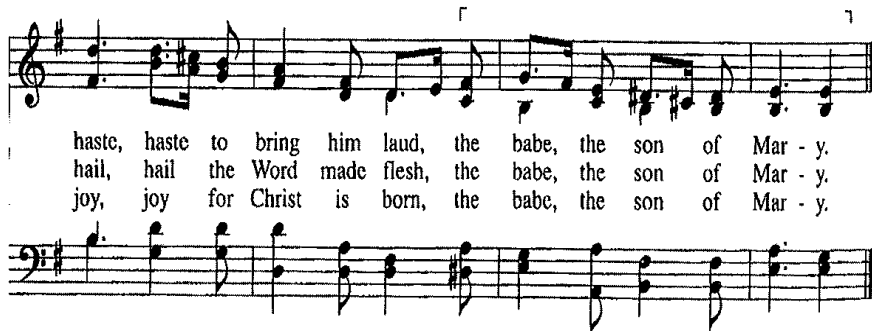
1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him;



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by:



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y.
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

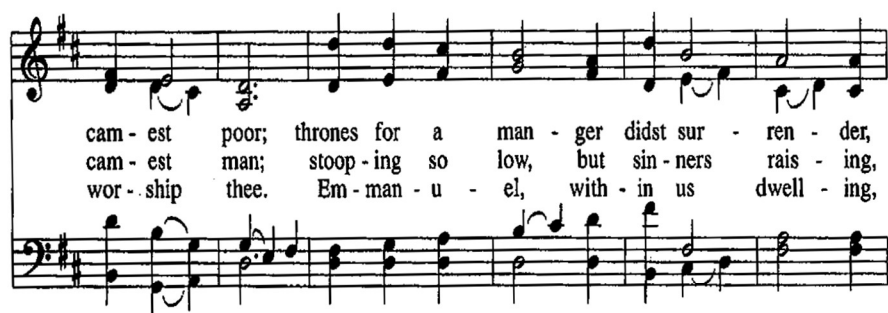
Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

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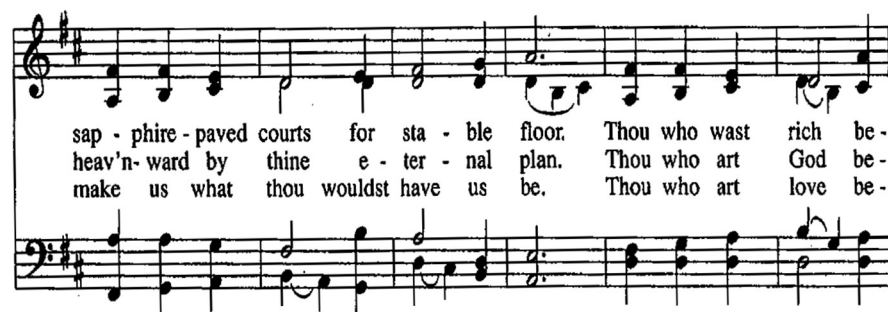
Our Lord Jesus Christ ... was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 Cor. 8:9



1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -
 2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -
 3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we



cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,
 cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rais - ing,
 wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with - in us dwell - ing,



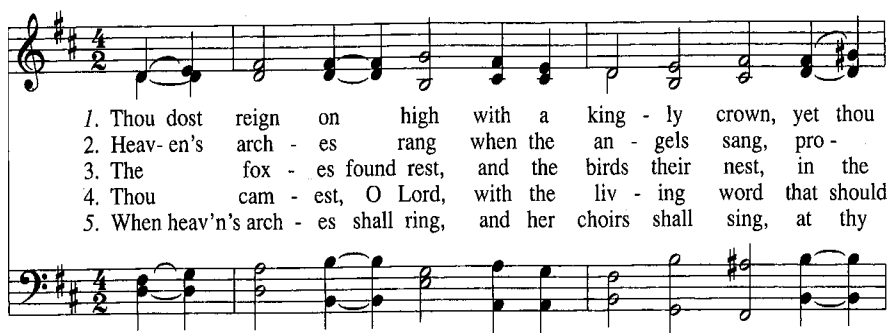
sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -
 heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -
 make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -



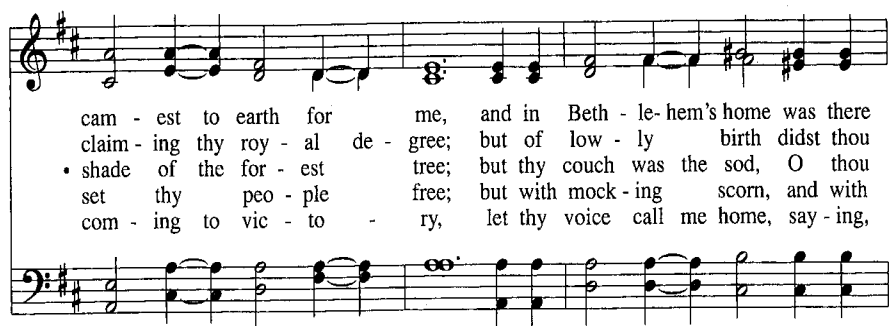
yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.
 yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam - est man.
 yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

Thou Dost Reign on High

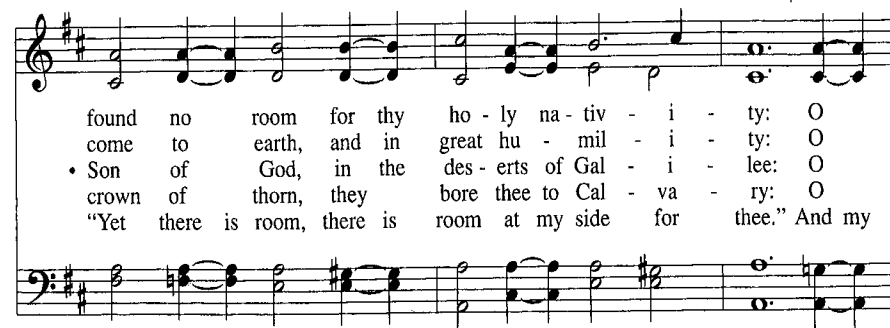
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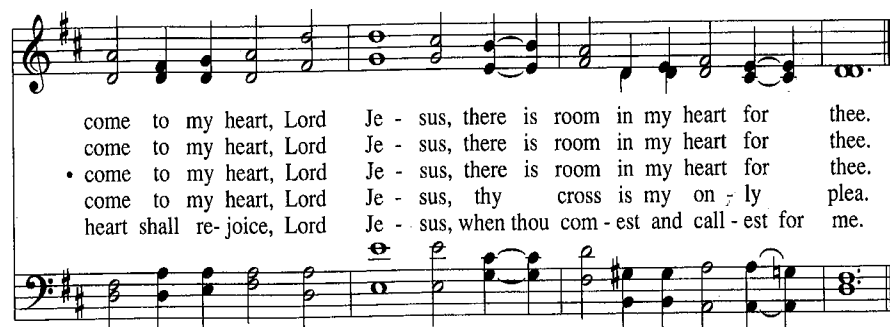
1. Thou dost reign on high with a king - ly crown, yet thou
 2. Heav - en's arch - es rang when the an - gels sang, pro -
 3. The fox - es found rest, and the birds their nest, in the
 4. Thou cam - est, O Lord, with the liv - ing word that should
 5. When heav'n's arch - es shall ring, and her choirs shall sing, at thy



cam - est to earth for me, and in Beth - le - hem's home was there
 claim - ing thy roy - al de - gree; but of low - ly birth didst thou
 • shade of the for - est tree; but thy couch was the sod, O thou
 set thy peo - ple free; but with mock - ing scorn, and with
 com - ing to vic - to - ry, let thy voice call me home, say - ing,



found no room for thy ho - ly na - tiv - i - ty: O
 come to earth, and in great hu - mil - i - ty: O
 • Son of God, in the des - erts of Gal - i - lee: O
 crown of thorn, they bore thee to Cal - va - ry: O
 "Yet there is room, there is room at my side for thee." And my



come to my heart, Lord Je - sus, there is room in my heart for thee.
 come to my heart, Lord Je - sus, there is room in my heart for thee.
 • come to my heart, Lord Je - sus, there is room in my heart for thee.
 come to my heart, Lord Je - sus, thy cross is my on - ly plea.
 heart shall re - joice, Lord Je - sus, when thou com - est and call - est for me.

Announcements

FaithWilmington.com/calendar

PRAYER CHAIN: *FaithWilmington.com/connect/prayer-requests*

TODAY AT FAITH 6:00 pm Christmas Concert at Evangelical Pres.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

| M, 12/15 | T, 12/16 | W, 12/17 | R, 12/18 | Sa, 12/20 |
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| ▪ Hartzell YIH CG | ▪ Men's Bible Study ▪ Deacons Meeting | ▪ YIH Lunch ▪ Faith Preschool Program | ▪ Worship Team | ▪ Men's Bible Study |

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

- Traditional Christmas Eve Services; 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- No Sunday School on December 28

2025 THANK OFFERING

- Between Thanksgiving and year end we annually receive a special offering, thanking God for his goodness to us over this past year.
- This year's Thank Offering supports MTW West Africa missionaries Rev. Jim & Karen – meeting medical & ongoing ministry expenses.
- Place cash in designated giving envelope. Checks should be made out to Faith Presbyterian Church with "Thank Offering" on the memo line. Give online: faithwilmington.com/give

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2026

- Sunday, January 25, 2026; following lunch in the gym
- 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am combined worship, 11:45 am luncheon – \$5 per person for lunch, \$15 max per household
- We will elect elder and deacon candidates, report on the ministries of the church, review the budget, and hold a meeting of the corporation

YOUNG-IN-HEART CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

- Wednesday, December 17; 12 noon; Bob Gray Chapel
- Ages 55+ (you do not have to be a member of the YIH CG to attend)

- Lunch provided; please contribute \$5 if you are able
- Sign up in Gathering Space; contact Chuck Hartzell: 302-593-4832

VISITATION DAY

- Next Sunday, Dec. 21; 12:30 pm; carpool from the Gathering Space
- We weekly have members unable to attend worship, but who would be blessed by a friendly visit. Can you serve by giving a few hours?
- Contact Vickie Fender: 302-475-2445 or VicFend@aol.com
- Visits occur on the third Sunday of each month

ADVENT RESOURCES

- Candle lighting in our December services reminds us of the promise that Light has come to the world & we look to His second coming
- A family guide of Advent Readings is available in the gathering space and at faithwilmington.com/christmas