

## Worship Guide 12/4/2022

### **Call to Worship**

Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

### **Worshiping God by Singing**

Jesus!

The King of all creation  
set aside His crown  
A servant to the Father's love,  
descended from His throne above

Author of salvation,  
Giver of new life  
Crucified to pay for sin;  
our righteousness is in the name of

Jesus, every heart and tongue  
confess Your name above all names  
All things of this earth belong to You,  
forever you will reign

God of resurrection,  
Conqueror of death  
Ruler over everything,  
the Lord of lords and King of kings is

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## **Worshiping God by Confessing Our Faith**

*Nicene Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds:  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made;  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made:

Who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again  
according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## **Worshiping God by Singing**

### **The Lord Is My Salvation**

The grace of God has reached for me  
and pulled me from the raging sea  
and I am safe on this solid ground  
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls;  
his strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun  
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid, and the victory won  
The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord.  
He flows each promise of His Word  
When winter fades, I know spring will come  
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting, times of need,  
when I know loss, when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days  
The Lord is my salvation

Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid, and the victory won  
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach the final day,  
He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise, He will call me home  
The Lord is my salvation

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Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to God the Son,  
glory be to God the Spirit  
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## **Prayer**

Missionary of the Week:	Gary and Lois Watanabe MTW – Global Church Planting
Community Church of the Week:	St James Lutheran Church Rev. Christine Parham
Presbytery Church of the Week:	Hartsville Presbyterian Church

## Worshipping God by Hearing His Word

Series: *Responding to Jesus*

Sermon: *The Herod Response*

<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. <sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his

mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.”<sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt<sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.<sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:<sup>18</sup> “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

Matthew 2:1-18

Encountering Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_.

The “Herod response” is to be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

We’re troubled by Jesus when we realize he will \_\_\_\_\_ our sense of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

When we’re tempted to have this response to Jesus, we need to realize his \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ for us.



Action point:

Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the “Herod response” in your own life.

By the power of the Spirit, let’s grow in \_\_\_\_\_ in  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

## **Worshiping God by Singing**

### **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

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 heav’nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

## **Worshiping God by Celebrating the Lord's Supper**

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Luke 22:14-20

## Worshiping God by Singing

### Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear Desire of ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,  
Dayspring from on high, appear;  
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,  
of thy birth we long to hear!

O'er the hills the angels singing news,  
glad tidings of a birth:  
"Go to him, your praises bringing;  
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
he whose glories knew no end;  
By his life he brings us gladness,  
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

Leaving riches without number,  
born within a cattle stall;

This the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious home.

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## **Benediction**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14