



BUCKS COUNTY  
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CHURCH

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

December 20, 2020

### CALL TO WORSHIP

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Show us Your unfailing love, O God, our Savior, and grant us Your salvation. Listen to what the Lord our God says: He promises peace to His people, who are His beloved saints. The Lord will indeed give what is good. Righteousness goes before Him and prepares the way for His steps. May the Lord make His holy face to shine upon us in this time of Advent worship. May we see God's face and so know peace. Amen.

—based on Psalm 85:7-13, NIV

### PRAISE

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#### The First Noel

##### Verse 1

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep

##### Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
born is the King of Israel

##### Verse 2

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far  
and to the earth it gave great light  
and so it continued both day and night

Verse 3

And by the light of that same star  
three Wise Men came from country far  
to seek for a king was their intent  
and to follow the star wherever it went

CALL TO CONFESSION

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Prepare the way of the Lord! Let us make our confession to God.

GUIDED CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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O God, You give us Your good news and call us into a new covenant relationship with You. Help us to prepare the way of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let the valleys be lifted up!

**Draw us away from degrading thoughts and actions, and lift from us depressions and worry.**  
[Silent prayer]

Through humble people, prepare Your world, O God. Let the mountains be leveled off!

**End our pride and take away our arrogance: save us from false hope and unwarranted presumption.**  
[Silent prayer]

Through faithful people, prepare Your world, O God. Let the crooked be made straight!

**Forgive our sin, and pardon our wrongdoing; defeat evil and overcome the power of death.**  
[Silent prayer]

Through saved people, prepare Your world, O God. Let the rough be made smooth!

**Help us grow in understanding, and give us wisdom to discern that which is good and true.**  
[Silent prayer]

Through sanctified people, prepare Your world, O God. Let all people see the salvation of our God.

**Redeem your world, and make all things new, and bring us into your holy and perfect presence, now and for all eternity.**  
[Silent prayer]

Keep us humble and faithful.

Save us and sanctify us, O God.

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear Him, that His glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before Him and will make a path for His steps.

In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come. Thanks be to God!  
—based on Psalm 85:9-13, NRSV

## SCRIPTURE READING

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1 John 5:6-13

*6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. 9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.*

## SERMON

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*I Rest My Case*

Pastor Peter Pak

## OFFERING & RESPONSE SONG

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O Holy Night

Verse 1

O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining

'Til he appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Refrain 1

Fall on your knees  
Oh hear the angel voices  
Oh night divine, oh night when Christ was born  
Oh night divine  
Oh night, oh night divine

Verse 2

Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother  
And in His name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy, in grateful raise we  
Let all within us praise His Holy Name

Refrain 2

Christ is the Lord  
O praise His Name forever  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim  
His power and glory  
Evermore proclaim

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Please continue to pray for our Senior Pastor, the Elders and Pastoral Staff.
- Our EM Christmas Worship service will be Sunday, December 27. Register to join us for in-person service or connect with us through the livestream.
- We are planning a possible livestreamed New Year's Eve service on the night of December 31. Details will be shared when finalized.
- **2020 Bible Reading Plan:** Deacon Peter Kim leads an online Bible reading community. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Deacon Peter Kim.
- **Online Giving:** Please go to <https://www.bcpcem.org/give>. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Peter.

## BENEDICTION

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*Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.*