

## Gathered by God's Grace

### \* Call to Worship: from Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

**Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

### \* God's Greeting

### \* **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** #184:1,2,3 (HFG)

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King:  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die;  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

\* indicates to stand if able

## Gratitude for God's Grace Received in 2017

### Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### Grace Greater than Our Sin #105:1,2,4 (HFG)

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the seawaves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss:  
Grace, that is great – yes grace untold  
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross. *Refrain*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe!  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive? *Refrain*

(Children 3 years old – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church in the Ed. Building during this song.)

### Prayers of Thanksgiving for 2017

*Sentence prayers from congregation*

### Offertory Prayer

### Offertory Ministry of Music: *I Need Thee Every Hour*

### Offering: Mission and Outreach Fund

## Petition for God's Future Grace Needed in 2018

### Scripture:

Jeremiah 29:11-12

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.

Philippians 3:12-14

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

### \* **O God, Our Help in Ages Past** #170:1,2,3 (PH)

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

Under the shadow of your throne  
Your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

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

### Prayers of Petition For Our Church's Future

*Sentence prayers from congregation*

## Service of Covenant Renewal

### Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

#### *All Glory Be to Christ*

(A Love Offering for Project Hope  
will be received during this song.)

Should nothing of our efforts stand no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive.  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me what is your life  
A mist that vanishes at dawn all glory be to Christ!

*Refrain:* All glory be to Christ our king!  
All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign will ever sing,  
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done His kingdom come on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him the Lord of love.  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ! *Refrain*

#### \* **God's Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face  
shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his  
face toward you and give you peace.  
**AMEN.**

#### \* *All Glory Be to Christ*

When on the day the great I Am the faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new.  
Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall ere his people be all glory be to Christ!

*Refrain:* All glory be to Christ our king!  
All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign will ever sing,  
All glory be to Christ!

Worship services are broadcast live in the church basement for  
anyone who is unable to worship in the sanctuary.  
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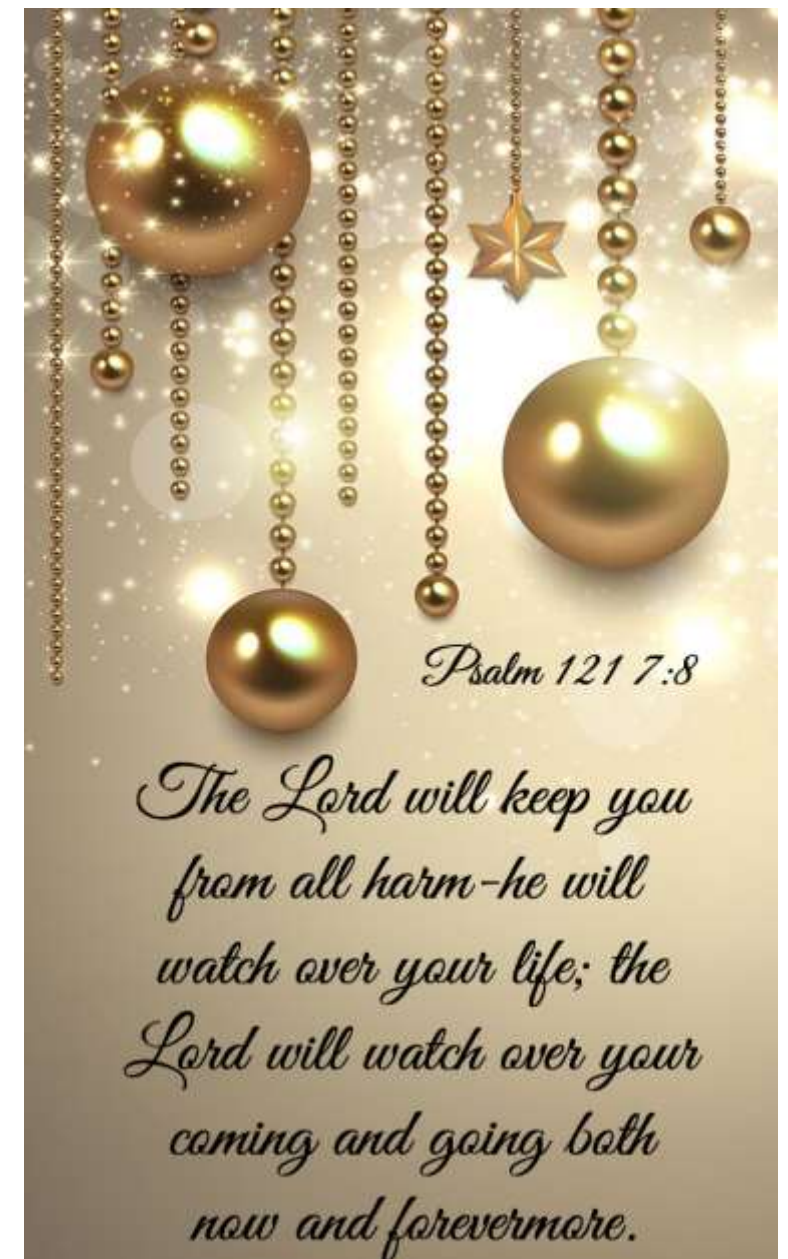
Pastor: Robert Prayer: Paul

Music: Andy, Ken & Lisa

Offering: The Mission and Outreach Fund is used to help  
organizations that fall outside of the realm of our benevolence  
fund but still need our support. This fund allows the church  
to help organizations even when our offering schedule is full.

Love Offering: Project Hope is part of the Christian Hope  
Association (CHA) associated with the food bank and  
community services. Project Hope aids families lacking basic  
necessities, closing the gap of need for nutrition, housing,  
utilities, transportation, medical and clothing. For more  
information visit [www.christianhopeassociation.org](http://www.christianhopeassociation.org).

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