

Sermon

‘God Getting Our Attention’

Wade Rider

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

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

***Dismissing Hymn No. 138**

‘Go, Tell It on the Mountain’

***Benediction**

Postlude

'I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day'

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We're glad you joined us for worship today! We invite you to place your financial tithes and offerings in one of the boxes in the back of the sanctuary before or following service. Thank you for placing the Bibles, hymnals and attendance books back on the chairs. Thank you.

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“Join us for a drink of Living Water”

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We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him.
God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Nursery for children infant to 4 yrs. old is available upstairs in the Christian Education Wing (please see Usher for directions)

Meditation

"We often miss hearing God's voice simply because we aren't paying attention." ~ Rick Warren

“The world is waiting to hear an authentic voice, a voice from God- not an echo of what others are doing and saying, but an authentic voice.” ~ Aiden Wilson Tozer

“One of the greatest benefits of our salvation has to be that of hearing God speak to us personally. There can be no intimate relationship with our heavenly Father without it. But, as easy as it is for us to speak to Him, the average Christian has a hard time hearing His voice. This is not the way the Lord intended it to be.” ~ Andrew Wommack

Westminster Chimes and Announcements

(During announcements, we ask members and visitors to please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on. Send them back down your row so you can note who is worshipping with you today. We invite visitors to give us your complete address.)

Opening Prayer

Prelude ~ *‘One Small Child’* ~ Meece

****Call to Worship*** (Psalm 72:1-5, NRSV) *Jud Herter, Lay Assistant*

Leader: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

People: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

Leader: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

People: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

****Hymn No. 155*** *‘Once in Royal David's City’* (verses 1-2, 4)

****Praise Songs*** *‘Oh Come All Ye Faithful’*
‘Revelation Song’

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(In unison)*

God of the Bethlehem star, everyone is searching for your light shining in the face of Christ. The Magi sought Christ simply to worship him. But Herod sought him to appease his jealous anger. We confess that our motives in seeking Jesus are not pure. We do not come simply to worship: we come to Christ, asking his benefits of reassurance, health, wealth; asking him to fulfill the hundred petitions for not-so-important requests that we heap before him. But the Magi sought first the kingdom. Help us, God, to follow their example, putting our own need in perspective, worshiping the Christ in love, content to be in your presence, and laying our gifts before you. Then may we journey, trusting that your goodness and light will accompany us all the days of our life. Amen. . . (silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

****Gloria Patri***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

****Affirmation of Faith*** ***Westminster Confession of Faith***

In the beginning it pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to create the world out of nothing in order to reveal the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness. He made everything in the world, visible and invisible, in the space of six days, and it was very good.

Scripture Reading

Luke 5:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God ~

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