

December 19, 2021
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Piano Prelude to the Worship Service

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

**Hymn: 340 – Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

WE CONFESS OUR SINS, GOD RESTORES US

Reading of the Law of God

Confession and Assurance

Hymn: 336 – How Bright Appears the Morning Star

WE THANK GOD WITH OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Congregational Prayer

Offering: General Fund and Southside Pregnancy Center

(Please place your offering in the basket in back of sanctuary)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Hymn: 337 – Joy to the World!*

Scripture Reading: Luke 1.26-45

Text: Luke 1.39-45

Message: **“Good News of Great Joy!”**

Prayer of Application

**Hymn: 341 – O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*Benediction

**Doxology: 346.5, 6 – Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn*

Piano Postlude

**Please stand if able*

PIANIST: Sarah Kotan

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Piano Prelude to the Worship Service

Prayer for God's Blessing

Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

* *Opening Hymn: 133 – O God, to Thine Anointed King*

* Apostles' Creed in Unison – page 3 in back of Psalter Hymnal

**Hymn of Response: 340.5 – Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

Responsive Reading of Psalm 103.1-13

Hymn of Response: 201 – O My Soul, Bless Thou Jehovah

Congregational Prayer

Offering: Operation Blessing

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**Hymn: 332 – My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord*

Scripture Reading: Luke 1.46-56

Confessional Reading: Canons of Dort 1.1-4, page 92

Text: Luke 1.46-56

Message: **“Announcement of the Ages, Message for the Masses”**

Prayer of Application

**Hymn: 97 (Red) - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Benediction

**Doxology: 102 (Red) – What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest*

Piano Postlude

*Please Stand if able

PIANIST: Lettie Van Groningen

Luke 1:39-45 Good News of Great Joy!

Theme: The announcement of Jesus Christ brings great joy for all who believe

1. Mary rushes to rejoice in the good news

2. Upon hearing the good news John leaps for joy!

3. When John leaps Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit

4. Elizabeth pronounces reality about receiving Jesus Christ

Luke 1.46-56 Announcement of the Ages, Message for the Masses
Canons of Dort 1.1-4

Theme: This news is for the humble down through the ages

1. Mary acknowledges her blessed state in God's grace

2. God's mercy through Christ is for all who fear Him

3. He rejects the proud and "rich"; He welcomes the humble & hungry

4. God mercifully provides for His covenant people, including Mary

Canons of Dort

(THE DECISION OF THE SYNOD OF DORT ON THE FIVE MAIN POINTS OF DOCTRINE IN DISPUTE IN THE NETHERLANDS)

The First Main Point of Doctrine

Divine Election and Reprobation

The Judgment concerning Divine Predestination Which the Synod Declares to Be in Agreement with the Word of God and Accepted till Now in the Reformed Churches, Set Forth in Several Articles

Article 1: *God's Right to Condemn All People*

Since all people have sinned in Adam and have come under the sentence of the curse and eternal death, God would have done no one an injustice if it had been his will to leave the entire human race in sin and under the curse, and to condemn them on account of their sin. As the apostle says: "The whole world is liable to the condemnation of God" ([Rom. 3:19](#)), "All have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God" ([Rom. 3:23](#)), and "The wages of sin is death" ([Rom. 6:23](#)).

Article 2: *The Manifestation of God's Love*

But this is how God showed his love: he sent his only begotten Son into the world, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life ([1 John 4:9](#); [John 3:16](#)).

Article 3: *The Preaching of the Gospel*

In order that people may be brought to faith, God mercifully sends proclaimers of this very joyful message to the people he wishes and at the time he wishes. By this ministry people are called to repentance and faith in Christ crucified. For "how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without someone preaching? And how shall they preach unless they have been sent?" ([Rom. 10:14–15](#)).

Article 4: *A Twofold Response to the Gospel*

God's anger remains on those who do not believe this gospel. But those who do receive it and embrace Jesus the Savior with a true and living faith are delivered through him from God's anger and from destruction, and receive the gift of eternal life.