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*The Vision of First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga
is to be a city-center church
compelled by Christ's love
to make disciples in our homes, city, and the world.*

Worship Service | DECEMBER 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" by M. Praetorius

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: THE CANDLE OF JOY

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, and we light the
Candle of Joy.

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 35:5-6; 9:6

Leader: Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of
the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the
tongue of the mute sing for joy.

**People: For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the
desert;**

Leader: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given;

**People: and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His
name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlast-
ing Father, Prince of Peace.**

HYMNS OF PRAISE

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

New City Catechism, Q&A 22, 23

Leader: Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

**All: That in human nature, He might on our behalf perfectly obey
the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also
that He might sympathize with our weaknesses.**

Leader: Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

**All: That because of His divine nature, His obedience and suffering
would be perfect and effective; and also that He would be able to
bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O God, in the beginning You spoke,
and creation was born, the object of Your loving care.**

**In the fullness of time You spoke,
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love.**

**We wonder at the miracle of creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the Incarnation.**

**Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,
empty of hope, lacking in love.**

**We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

"Redeeming Ruth – God Restores"

Ruth 3

Dr. Tim Kirk

Of the Father's Love Begotten

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

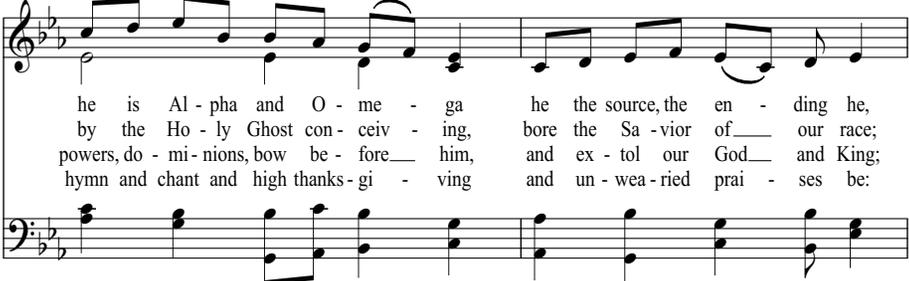
Revelation 22:13, 16

Leader: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end... I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

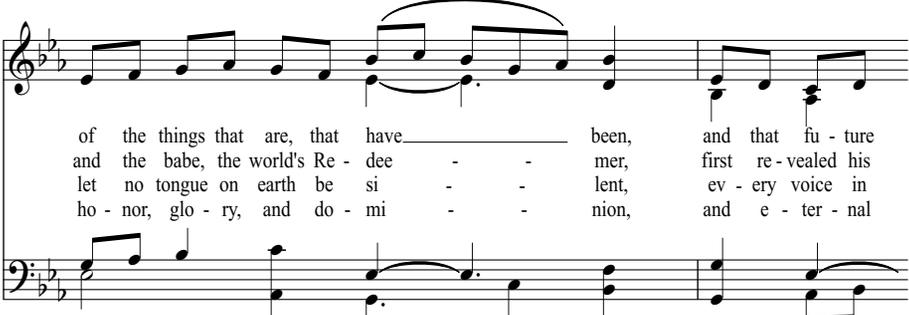
All: Thanks be to God! Amen!



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2 O that birth for - e - ver bles - sed, when a vir - gin, blest with grace,
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts his prai - ses sing:
4 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga he the source, the en - ding he,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sa - vior of our race;
powers, do - mi - nions, bow be - fore him, and ex - tol our God and King;
hymn and chant and high thanks - gi - ving and un - wea - ried prai - ses be:



of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture
and the babe, the world's Re - dee - mer, first re - vealed his
let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
ho - nor, glo - ry, and do - mi - nion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see e - ver - more and e - ver - more!
sa - cred face, e - ver - more and e - ver - more!
con - cert ring, e - ver - more and e - ver - more!
vic - to - ry, e - ver - more and e - ver - more! A - men.

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Edgar M. Jolley Sr. by Nancy Jolley and family.*

*Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered
by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, December 14th.*

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tr. John M. Neale (1818-1866)
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