



STONE HILL CHURCH

December 6, 2015

*Making disciples of Jesus Christ
in Princeton and around the world*

Morning Worship

9:30 and 11:00am

*Second Sunday of Advent:
Jesus Christ is the Light of the world;
He has made known to us the wonder of God's glory,
A glory full of grace and truth.*

Prelude

Special Music: *The Unbelievable*

Call to Worship

Kevin Antlitz

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn 102 *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Invocation

Scripture Reading: *Luke 1:68–79*

Anthem: *O Magnum Mysterium*

Tomas Luis de Victoria

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum
natum, jacentum in praesepio!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Christum. Alleluia!

O great mystery,
and wondrous sacrament,
that animals should see the new-
born Lord, lying in their manger!
Blessed is the virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear the
Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Confession of Sin

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, always with us, always coming:
We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.

**All: We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;
we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;
We get distracted by all the busyness of this season.
Forgive us, God.**

Leader: Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,
the intelligent courage of the Magi,

and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,

**All: that we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find the good news of a child born for us.**

Leader: Now, in the quiet of our hearts,
we ask you to make us ready for his coming.

All: Amen.

Advent Affirmation of Faith

Leader: I hear a voice in the wilderness;

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

All: I believe every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low;

I believe the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain,

I believe the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Praise of a Redeemed People

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

(Refrain) Here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days

Oh so highly exalted

Glorious in Heaven above

Humbly You came to the earth You created

All for love's sake became poor *(Refrain)*

I'll never know how much it cost

To see my sin upon that cross *(repeat) (Refrain)*

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Adore

You stepped down from heaven

Humbly You came

God of all creation

Here with us

In a starlit manger, Emmanuel

Light of the world, here to save

(Refrain) Adore—Come let us adore

O come let us adore Him

The Lord—Worship Christ the Lord

Let all that is within us adore

Wise men bring their treasures

Shepherds bow low

Angel voices sing

Of peace on earth

What have I to offer to heaven's King?

I will bring my life, my love, my all

(Bridge) Angels sing, praises ring

To the newborn King

Peace on earth here with us

Joy awakening

At Your feet we fall *(repeat)*

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Pastoral Prayer

Offering and Doxology

We offer ourselves to God, dedicating all to his service. Visitors, please feel no obligation to give to this ministry.

During the 11:00am service children ages 4–3rd grade are dismissed for Children's Church.

Special Music: *Vicit Agnus Noster (Our Lamb Has Conquered)*

Michael Card

Hear the Word Preached

Scripture Reading *Revelation 5:1–8*

Sermon *The Moment We've All Been Waiting For* Pastor Matt Ristuccia

Communion

Note: for those with allergies or sensitivities, gluten-free communion is available at the front of the seating section 4 (to the right of the Sanctuary).

During the cup: *I Will Boast*

Closing Hymn 106 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Benediction *We receive God's blessing as we depart.*

Postlude