



# HARVEST Presbyterian Church

*Second Sunday of Advent*  
December 9, 2018

**A Service of Worship**

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*Beginning with the Sunday nearest November 30 and ending on the day before Christmas, the season of Advent is observed for the four Sundays prior to Christmas. This is a season in which the Church, rejoicing in Christ's first coming, eagerly looks forward to Christ's coming again. It is also common for Advent to be observed, in addition to the regular corporate worship services of the Church, through a special service of Lessons & Carols, often on Christmas Eve.*



Why did Jesus come? What was his life and ministry all about? And further, what are the areas of our lives today that need to be exposed to and engaged in Jesus' ongoing mission in the world?

During our observance of Advent this year, we will allow the book of Isaiah to guide us, paying particular attention to the theme of why the Messiah would come. Written about 600 years before Jesus' birth, these prophecies gives us a window into the eternal purposes of God, as well as the longings of God's people.

*What is THE MESSIAH'S MISSION & how do we fit in to it?*



*In the beginning ... the earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.*

(Genesis 1.1-2)

*The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.*

(Isaiah 60.19)

*In these last days God has spoken to us by his Son. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.*

(Hebrews 1.2)

*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

Jesus (John 8.12)

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. And night will be no more.*

(Revelation 21.1, 22 & 23.5)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
*Corporate Worship*

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**The Invocation**

**The Call to Worship**

*Isaiah 6.1-3*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

**Let All Mortal Flesh, no. 193**

*With a few moments of silent prayer,  
let us reflect upon the glorious holiness of God.*

*(The musicians will direct us when to join them in singing...)*

**Come to Me (Mt 11.28)**

You are weighed down; you are worried.  
Child, I see you; child, I know you.  
Bring your burdens; bring your labor. Come to me.

*Come to me, come to me,  
Come to me if you are weary.  
I will give you, I will give you my rest.*

I am gentle; I am humble.  
Let me teach you; let me show you.  
Trade your burden; mine is easy. Come to me.

*Wendell Kimbrough, 2017*

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

no. 194

O come, O come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*Words: Latin Hymn, 12<sup>th</sup> cent.*

*Trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851*

*Music: Plainsong, 13<sup>th</sup> cent.*

*Arr. by Thomas Helmore, 1856*

## I Stand Amazed

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how he could love me,  
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvelous! How wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful  
Is my Savior's love for me!*

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them his very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary,  
And suffered and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages  
To sing of his love for me.

*Charles Gabriel, 1905*

The Pastoral Prayer

Doug Zimbelman, elder

The Offering

The Preaching of God's Word  
"to shine"

THE MESSIAH'S MISSION  
Grant Beachy, pastor

### Isaiah 49.6

It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

*The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

## The Lord's Supper

*Bread and wine. Body and blood. Jesus took simple and common elements to represent the completely uncommon display of God's love on Calvary. The Holy Spirit takes these simple elements, and by faith, works in us real life, the life of Jesus. If your faith and hope are in Jesus Christ, we invite you to come, receive, be nourished.*

## The Parting Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem, no. 201

## The Benediction

Numbers 6.24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

## Announcements & Reminders

### Holiday Schedule

Please note our service of *Lessons & Carols* on Christmas Eve, beginning at 5pm with a meal to follow. Please arrive no later than 4:45 so that you may get your food dropped off and enter the sanctuary to enjoy the musical prelude. Also note that there will be *no Sunday School* December 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Our Deployed Personnel & Their Families

**Chip & Laura Raybon** (Chloe, Samuel & Gabriel)

**Wes & Tammy Scholtz** (Elijah & Jude)

**Chris & Aubrey Maldonado**

**Billy & Kristin Gunther**

### Harvest Communications

If you'd like to stay connected with upcoming events & information concerning our life together as a church, consider sending an email to Grant to be included in the **Harvest distro list** ([gmbeachy@gmail.com](mailto:gmbeachy@gmail.com)). In addition to this 'official' distribution list, there is a **Google Group** for communicating needs or opportunities among the congregation – things like needing a ride to the airport, a freezer you want to get rid of, etc. To be added to this Harvest Google Group, please contact Micah Roush at [mroush1@live.com](mailto:mroush1@live.com).

### Nursery Reminders

**Dec 9 – SS:** John & Rebekah Magill & David James

*Worship Infant:* Hannah Harger, Cindy & Matthew James

*Worship Toddler:* Kirsten Broussard, Lindsey Olsen, Bridget & Sophia DiBella

**Dec 16 – SS:** OkHui Mun, Lara Liedstrand & Gavin Ehrhart

*Worship Infant:* Rob & Erika Withers, Colin Beachy

*Worship Toddler:* Brittany Sweet, Cathy Horn, Holly Plumb & Addy Davis



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*to develop and equip God's people for their calling*

*to glorify and enjoy him in all of life through*

*worship, nurture & service.*

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