



HARVEST Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019

A Service of Worship



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.



Reflection

*He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded,
for a thousand generations,
the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,
which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant.*

(Psalm 105.7-10)

*This is he whom heav'n-taught singers
Sang of old with one accord,
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord,
Evermore and evermore!*

from the hymn, "Of the Father's Love Begotten"
by Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, d. 413
trans. by John Mason Neal, 1854 &
Thomas Baker, 1859

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Corporate Worship

Gathering for Worship

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence **no. 193**

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864
Music: French Melody, 17th cent., arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Silent Reflection

*As we enter in to worship, let us quiet our hearts before the Lord
with a few moments of silent prayer & reflection. You may use the
following prayer to guide your reflection.*

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might comfort us; that, although our sins and
wickedness hinder us in running the race set before us, your
bountiful grace and mercy may readily help and deliver us,
through the satisfaction of your Son, our Lord, to whom,
with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, world
without end. Amen.

prayer adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

The Call to Worship

You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which we will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in our hearts.

from Deuteronomy 7, Psalm 105 & 2 Peter 1

The Goodness of Jesus

Come you weary heart now to Jesus.
Come you anxious soul now and see -
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears.
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

*Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus.
Satisfied, he is all that I need.
May it be - come what may - that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.*

Come find what this world cannot offer.
Come and find your joy here complete.
Taste the living water, never thirst again,
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus.
He is all he said he would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart.
Rest here in his wondrous peace.

*CityAlight, 2018 (Fiona Aghajanian, Harrison Druery, Michael Farren,
Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson)*

Wonderful, Merciful Saviour

Wonderful, merciful Saviour, precious redeemer and friend
Who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

*You are the one that we praise. You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, comforter, keeper, Spirit we long to embrace.
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own.
Here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne.
Oh, we're falling before your throne.

Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse, 1989

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell*. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* 'hell' here means the realm of death, not 'place of eternal torment'

** 'catholic' here means 'universal'

Covenant Baptism

Lee Franklin

Vows for the Parents:

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Vow for the Congregation:

Do you as a congregation receive Lee Franklin as a non-communing member of this church, and promise to surround him with Christian love, to pray for him, and to set an example before him of genuine Christian faith and virtue, that he might know rich fellowship in the kingdom of God and the reality of personal salvation through Christ?

The Offering

The Hymn of Preparation

Come Thou Redeemer of the Earth
Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest Thy virgin birth:
Let every age adoring fall;
Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit, Thou art still
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The promised fruit to man displayed.

O equal to the Father, Thou!
Gird on Thy fleshly mantle now;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light,
Where endless faith shall shine serene,
And twilight never intervene.

O Jesu, virgin-born, to Thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Who with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

Words: Ambrose of Milan, d. 397
Trans. by J.M. Neale, d. 1866
Music: Michael Praetorius, d. 1609

Luke 1.67-79

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people

⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth
of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;

⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,
to grant us ⁷⁴ that we,

being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called

the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Lord's Supper

The Parting Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all we bow before you;
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim in unceasing chorus praising,
Fills the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord!"

Lo! the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Spare your people, Lord we pray, by a thousand snares surrounded.
Keep us free from sin today: never let us be confounded.
All my trust I place in thee; never, Lord, abandon me.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name you;
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim you;
And adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.

Words: Attr. to Ignace Franz, ca.1774

Trans. by Clarence Walworth, 1853

Music: Austrian tune, ca. 1774

The Benediction

Numbers 6.24-6

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

Announcements & Reminders

Holiday Schedule

Please note our *Service of Lessons & Carols on Christmas Eve*, beginning at 5pm with a potluck 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* the last Sunday in December.

Our Deployed Personnel & Their Families

Aaron & Katrina Smith

Jordan & Cathy Horn (Joshua & Will)

Missions Conference: Jan 31–Feb 2

Our speaker this year will be PCA pastor & MTW Japan Director, the Rev. Dan Iverson. Dan is a former Marine turned missionary and church planting pastor. He and his wife, Carol, have served in Japan since 1986. They have 9 kids and 26 grandkids. Nursery will be provided for the conference. Stay tuned for RSVP information for both meals & nursery.

Harvest Communications

To stay connected with upcoming events & information concerning our life together as a church, send an email to Grant to be included in the **Harvest distro list** (gmbeachy@gmail.com). In addition to this ‘official’ distro list, there is a **Google Group** for communicating needs or opportunities among each other – 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 at mroush1@live.com.

Nursery Reminders:

Dec 8 – SS: Leslee Davis, Mary Respass & Thayne Ehrhart

Worship Infant: Jayson & Jessie Fulmer, Rebekah Magill

Worship Toddler: Brent & Amy C., Tori W. & Joy D.

Dec 15 – SS: Sara Beachy, Cathy Horn & Kaylee Davis

Worship Infant: Grace Boerma, Mandi & Ava Montgomery

Worship Toddler: Tracy H., Katrina Smith, David J. & Abby W.

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exists by the providence and grace of God
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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