



HARVEST Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 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

The LORD God said to the serpent, “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Genesis 3.14-15

*Do not say, “I will repay evil”;
wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.*

Proverbs 20.22

God will strike the heads of his enemies.

Psalms 68.21

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

For your name’s sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

*And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies,
and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,
for I am your servant.*

Psalms 143.9-12

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

you preserve my life;

you stretch out your hand

against the wrath of my enemies,

and your right hand delivers me.

Psalms 138.7

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Corporate Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Our Invocation

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!

O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744, stanzas 1 & 4

Mark Hunt, 1978, stanzas 2 & 3

Music: Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

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

*Allow a phrase or an image from the previous hymn
to draw you in to the drama of redemption.*

God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O you who are of Israel's fountain!

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death. But God will strike the heads of his enemies, the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty ways.

Summon your power, O God, the power, O God, by which you have worked for us.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!

Songs of Praise

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry - he the perfect Son of Man.
In his living, in his suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry - Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory. See the price
of our redemption. See the Father's plan unfold. Bringing many sons
to glory; grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry - slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain him. Praise the Lord, he is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance. How unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

Matt Boswell, Matt Papa & Michael Bleecker, 2012

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant.
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb:
Very God, begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born, this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

*For he alone is worthy. For he alone is worthy.
For he alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.*

*We'll give him all the glory. We'll give him all the glory.
We'll give him all the glory, Christ the Lord.*

*O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

*'O Come, All Ye Faithful' - Words: Latin Hymn
Attributed to John Francis Wade, 1751
Translated by Frederick Oakeley, 1841
Music: John Francis Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751
Additional Chorus: Teri Bryant & Matt Redman, 2003*

My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.

There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world.

He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed.

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

By Thy Mercy

Jesus, Lord of life and glory, bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee, friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness, from the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness, from the pride that lurks within,

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses, in the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses, in each dark and trying hour:

When the world around is smiling, in the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling, in the day of health and peace:

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

In the weary hours of sickness, in the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness, when all human help is vain:

In the solemn hour of dying, in the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying, find thee still our Rock and Stay.

Words: James Cummins, 1839

Music: Greg Thompson, 2004

The Benediction

2 Kings 17.36 & 39

*Beloved, you shall fear the LORD, who brought you out of the land of
Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm. You shall not
fear other gods, but you shall fear the LORD your God, and he will
deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.*

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 **Harvest 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 mrroush1@live.com. Additionally, ladies, please join our Facebook group: "**Harvest PCA Women's Group (Jacksonville, NC)**" to stay connected!

Nursery Reminders:

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.

Dec 22 - SS: Anna Franklin, Denny Phillips & Gavin Ehrhart

Worship Infant: Bridget & Sophia DiBella, Juliana Smith

Worship Toddler: Lindsey O., Betsy R., Amy M. & Noey R.

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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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