The Lord's Service Second Sunday of Advent | December 6, 2020

Please wear a mask if you intend to read responsively and sing while standing. Please know that your participation in our service today may be recorded in our live stream.

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle 8:30 a.m. Service 11:00 a.m. Service

The Hill Family The Creamer Family

Psalm 47.1-7

Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will. LEADER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

- PEOPLE: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.
- LEADER: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
- PEOPLE: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.

*Hymn of Adoration

*Call to Worship

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel see Page 8

*Invocation

Father God, Holy One, you sent your Son among us to lead us in paths of righteousness. Help us to worship you today. Send your Spirit to guide our feet through the wilderness toward the living water of your grace, following in the steps of our Savior: Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 1.67-80

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." 80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel. LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Choral Worship

8:30 a.m. Service

11:00 a.m. Service

Nicole Lewin Heavenly Light

Sent from Heaven, Thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine. May each soul in sorrow's night see the Heavenly Light, Thou blessing to all creation lead us to our salvation. All those whose feet may falter lead unto the sacred altar! O shine from above, divine Light of Love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray.

Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon. Thou, our beacon and guide wilt be. Light Divine, we praise Thee. (1937 Carl Fischer Pub. Kopylov/ arr. Wilhousky)

Doxology

No. 732

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Adoration: (Psalm 93.1-2)

For God's reign, His rule, His sovereignty over great and small

For God's perfections, His majesty, His beauty

For God's wisdom, His justice, His holiness

For God's goodness, His power, His grace

Thanksgiving: (Psalm 107.1-3)

For our salvation full and free in Jesus For God's faithful and abundant provision (materially, spiritually)

For our church, family, friends, counselors, community

Intercession: (Philippians 4.6-7)

For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to the nations

For wisdom, skill and fortitude for those in authority, healthcare workers

For containment and reversal of COVID -19

For wisdom in how we each may manifest Christ in plenty and want

For specific requests for others, ourselves

For God's glory alone in all matters

Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands pastors to pray with and for God's people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

¹ Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

SUBSTITUTE

*Hymn of Response

At the Name of Jesus see Page 9

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 4.36-39

- LEADER: Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might discipline you. And on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.
- PEOPLE: And because He loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with His own presence, by His great power,
- LEADER: Driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day,
- PEOPLE: Know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath: there is no other.

Isaiah 42.1-4

We hear and read Holy Scripture through the service, but this lesson (reading) guides the sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveal this to us and points our heart towards confession.

Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time for silent confession, but also confession as a family of individuals equally in need of God's grace.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, Whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and Whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to You, confessing our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ Your Son. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 33.20-22

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News: "Our soul waits for the Lord, He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

*Confession of Faith (in unison)

Apostles Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe? 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.

*Gloria Patri

No. 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, amen.

Instruction and Prayer

Please approach the table from the outer aisles and return to your pew through the middle aisle.

The Institution

Distribution Hymn

When Love Came Down see Page 10

Hymn

Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed! [†]"catholic" -- universal

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home. *When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we've first begun.

*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Closing Greetings

Postlude

Benediction

Just as God calls us to worship at the beginning of the service with Holy Scripture, He sends us into our week with a Holy Scripture reminder (*a good word*) of the blessing of Christ, by God's grace, through the indwelling Spirit.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



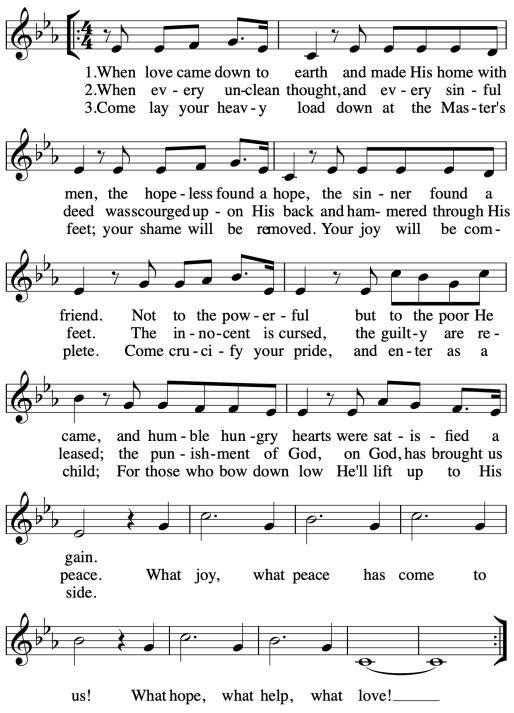
At the Name of Jesus



Caroline M. Noel, 1870; alt.

KING'S WESTON 6.5.6.5.D. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

When Love Came Down



Womens' Ministry

Christmas Dinner

December 11 - 6:00 p.m. & December 12 - 4:00 p.m. in Schum Fellowship Hall

Cost: Adults - \$8.00 & Girls under 12 - \$5.00

Registration begins November 29 thru December 7. Sign-up forms are in the lobby or you may register online. (Each dinner limited to 40 participants)

Our ministry focus this year is Hope For The Inner City and we are collecting the following items to donate to this ministy:

Bikes • Sports Equipment • Crayons & Markers • African American Dolls Toy Cars/Trucks • Electronic Items • Bedding • Sleeping Bags • Winter Clothing

Speaker: Tory Worley



Tory is a native of Clarksville, TN. He first heard the gospel through the combined efforts of a missionary to his low-income apartment complex, and his mother's younger brother who had become a Christian in college. He moved to East Chattanooga in 2015 where he lives and works seeking to make Jesus known amongst his neighbors.



And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WELCOME! We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- We value your child's presence and desire for him or her to remain in the worship service. If your child becomes restless during the service, a soundproof room is available in the transept area where you may sit with your child, if necessary.
- We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Jones is preaching on Micah 5.1-5.
- December 8 High School Christmas Party 7:00-8:30 p.m. Be sure to dress warmly; we will be on the lawn, weather permitting.
- December 9 Wednesday Night Meal 5:30-6:15 p.m. Join us for the last Wednesday night meal of the semester. We will be serving our traditional Christmas feast of Beef Burgundy over mashed potatoes with homemade bread and chocolate peppermint cake. Be sure to sign-up on online or let Nicky know at nlewin@cpcchatt.org by Monday, December 7 so we can ensure there is enough beef for all. Merry Christmas!
- December 9 Middle School Christmas Party 6:30-7:30 p.m. Be sure to dress warmly; we will be on the lawn, weather permitting.
- December 11 & 12 Women's Ministry Christmas Dinner Registration ends tomorrow so be sure to sign-up today in the Foyer or on our website. See page 11 for specific details.

Nursery Schedule - Today					
First Worship Service (8:15 a.m 9:45 a.m.)			Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m12:15 p.m.)		
Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers	Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers
John Pearce	Heidie Armao	Anna Yonkofski	Lauren Warren	Tim Warren	Shirley Jones
Nursery Schedule - December 13, 2020					
First Worship Service (8:15 a.m 9:45 a.m.)			Second Worship Service (10:45 a.m12:15 p.m.)		
Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers	Infants	Crawlers	Toddlers
Judy Foster	Tammy Bacon	Tyler Bacon	Connie Hildebrand	Jim Hildebrand	Karen Jones

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Thank You

Thank you to the many, many people who donated very generously to our Thanksgiving Pounding! Twelve families and individuals were served - six within our CPC church family and six in our community - loving them, not just with some kind words, but "in deed and in truth." (1 John 3.18). Your generosity helped four widows, some caring for grandchildren, three single mothers with collectively ten children, two large families, two households with disabilities, and one family struggling with severely declining health.

"Thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way so that you can be generous, and your generosity administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God. For the rendering of this service not only fully supplies what is lacking to the saints, but it also overflows in many cries of thanksgiving to God."

~ 2 Corinthians 9.11-12



Christmas Card Stamps

Please remember to save Christmas Card stamps. Deposit them in the mailbox by Pastor Mullinax's office. Used stamps are processed and re-

sold with proceeds going to finance Spanish language Sunday School curriculum in Latin America.

Budget Report

Through November 30:

Annual Budget Need: \$1,941,427 Giving To Date: \$1,422,449 Needed By Year-end: \$518,978

Thank You

Thank you for the many prayers, cards, calls, texts, emails, and other expressions of kindness shown to our family at the passing of my father, Dick Stephens. Your love has been evident and appreciated.

 \sim Boo Mullinax and family

Coffee in SFH Between Services

We invite you to fellowship with each other. Be aware that there is higher risk involved in eating and drinking together. If you already are at greater risk, please exercise abundant caution and good judgment.

Advent Reading Guides

We have Advent Reading Guides available in the Narthex. Pick up a copy for your family as you leave today. They are printed with white Covenant Presbyterian covers. There is an



online version of the booklet available on the church website.



SERMON NOTES

Mission Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by making Christ known in all of life.

Vision Statement of CPC

Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ, the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.