The Lord's Service Third Sunday of Advent | December 13, 2020

Please wear a mask if you intend to read responsively and sing while standing. As you exit our service today, please be sure to wear your mask as you exit the sanctuary.

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

Lighting of the Advent Candle 8:30 a.m. Service The Tom Crawford Family 11:00 a.m. Service The Matt Wright Family

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.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 148.1-5

- LEADER: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!
- PEOPLE: Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!
- LEADER: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!
- PEOPLE: Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- LEADER: Let them praise the name of the Lord! **PEOPLE: For He commanded and they were created.**

*Hymn of Adoration

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus see Page 7

*Invocation

Father God, we come into your presence this day through the salvation you have given us through the sending of the long-awaited Savior, the promise of the prophets. Send your Spirit to enlighten and enliven our worship. Send us out to spread the word so that all may see, hear, know, and believe your Word. Help us to seek fellowship with you. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Isaiah 55.1-3

- LEADER: "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- PEOPLE: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
- LEADER: Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
- PEOPLE: Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David.

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power to remote, your love too free. But surely they are not, and without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

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

1 Corinthians 1.27-30

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Hymn of Assurance

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Luke 2.1-14

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe; O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know, bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven and to the endless day.

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria.
³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town.
⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who

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.

Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon. was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

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 Jeremy Gaines Alleluia

Alleluia! All shall be Amen and Alleluia. We shall rest and we shall see. We shall see and we shall know. We shall know and we shall love. Behold our end which is no end. Alleluia! Amen. (1940 E.C. Schirmer Music)

Doxology

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.

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Doxology

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory.

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

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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.

Scripture Lesson

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

Scripture Lesson

Micah 5.1-5

¹ Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. ² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

FULFILLMENT

*Hymn of Response

What Child Is This see Page 8

Confession of Faith

Matthew 16.16

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

*Gloria Patri

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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.

God Commissions Us

*Benediction

Closing Greetings

Postlude

No.

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.

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.

Pastor Jones

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.

Benediction

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



St. 1, 4, Charles Wesley, 1744 St. 2–3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978 Text of stanzas 2 & 3 © 1978, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Used by permission. HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D. Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

What Child Is This



Traditional English carol Adapted by William C. Dix, ca. 1865 GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7.ref. English melody, 16th cent.







A SERVICE OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG

Thursday, December 24 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

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 Hosea 11.1-4.
- December 20 "The New Day" Sanctuary Choir Presentation 6:00 p.m. Social distancing will limit attendance to 300. The presentation will be live streamed via Facebook and our website.
- December 23 Caroling and Dessert 5:30-7:00 p.m. Join us at the church as we divide into small groups to go caroling in various neighborhoods and retirement homes. Bring a dessert to share with everyone when we return to the church.
- December 24 Lesson and Carols 4:00 & 7:00 p.m. Join us for this service of scripture and song as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus!

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	
Judy Foster	Tammy Bacon	Tyler Bacon	Connie Hildebrand	Jim Hildebrand	Karen Jones	
Nursery Schedule - December 20, 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	
Tammy Higgins	Becky Pearce	Bekah Gernhard	Babs Leach	Sandi Schreiner	Patrick Joyner	

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, December 16

Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, December 17

Virtual Brown Bag Lunch - 12:00 noon

FRIDAY, December 18

Men's Proverbs Study - 8:00 a.m. (Zoom) Men's Proverbs Study - 9:00 a.m. - SFH

SATURDAY, December 19

Choir Rehearsal & Lunch - 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary & SFH

SUNDAY, December 20

Worship Service - Sanctuary - 8:30 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary - 11:00 a.m. "A New Day" Choir Presentation - 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Budget Report

Through December 7:

Annual Budget Need: \$1,941,427 Giving To Date: \$1,462,608 SBA Forgiven Loan: \$ 149,700 Needed By Year-end: \$ 329,119

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.

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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.

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.

ELDERS AND DEACONS

Active Ruling Elders

Woody Brauer, Ernie Brown, Jason Brown, Kent Brown, Jason Coffey, Jeremy Gaines, Todd Gaither, Danny Grant, Mark Griggs, Jon Harris, Ken Henry, Jim Hildebrand, Dee Hobbs, Nick Lazor, Adam Sanders (*Clerk of Session*), Tom Schreiner, Todd Smith, Jay Spalding, Mike Walker, Tracy Wright, John Wykoff

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MINISTRIES AND MISSIONARIES

African Bible UniversityUganda	Love's Arm Outreach MinistriesChattanooga
Agape Puppets	Love's Affin Outreach Ministries
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Amani Ya Juu	John & Kathy LesondakMTW - Slovak Republic
Paul Billy Arnold	Luke & Amanda McAuley SIM - Kenya
James & Karen AshleyWycliffe - Global	Heidi Meiners ICS - Budapest, Hungary
Marc & Denise Atchley TEAM - Greece	Pete & Ruth MitchellMTW - France
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NoNo & Kate BealeIsaiah 55 - Reynosa, Mexico	Andy & Kathy NapierTWR - North Carolina
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Child Evangelism Fellowship Chattanooga	John Mark & Caroline ScruggsRUF - UTC
Compassion International Global	Jamie & Bethany Sexton IDEAS - China
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Jay & Beverly Fowler FCA - East Tennessee	David & Eowyn StoddardMTW - Germany
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