

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

### A Word to Worshippers

Only a fool underestimates the power of words. With mere words, nations go to war and lives are upended. With mere words, hearts are mended and relationships are restored. Our little tongues can cause big problems. James will teach us today that “a community of living faith” loves one another with its words.

We are also beginning this year’s celebration of Advent, the coming of Christ. The gospel writer John says that Jesus is the very Word (the Logos) of the Father. Our speech can cause so much harm, but God’s speech – Jesus – can bring us the very power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. So this morning we examine the pitfalls of our own speech, and then praise God that He has spoken His living Word, Jesus, into our hearts. Through Jesus, God restores what is broken. Therefore, come to worship with tongues that are ready to bless and ears that are ready to hear all that God has to say to us this Lord’s Day morning.

### Meditations for Worship

*The tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.* James

*Give thy thoughts no tongue.* William Shakespeare

*We have two ears and one tongue so that we would listen more and talk less.* Diogenes

**Prelude** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *arr. Chuck Marohinic*

Dave Leeman, pianist

**Pastoral Welcome** The Rev. John R. McCracken

**Lighting the Advent Wreath** “The Peace Candle” The Mollenkopf Family

**\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 34: 1-3, 8, 13-14**

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

Minister: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

Minister: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

People: **And let us exalt his name together!**

Minister: Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

People: **O taste and see that the LORD is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the LORD, for you have no lack!**

**\*Hymns of Advent Preparation, No. 193 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

PICARDY

**No. 240 "The King of Glory Comes"**

PROMISED ONE

**\*Prayer of Adoration**

Mr. McCracken

**\*Refrain of Praise**

**"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

CAROL

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;**

**Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Proverbs of the Tongue**

Mr. McCracken

Proverbs 10: 19-21; 13:2-3; 18: 4; 19:1; 20:15

**When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.**

The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little value.

**The lips of the righteous nourish many but fools die for lack of sense.**

The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse.

**From the fruit of his lips a man enjoys good things, but the unfaithful have a**

**craving for violence.**

Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who speaks rashly comes to ruin.

**The words of a man's mouth are deep waters, but the fountain of wisdom is a bubbling brook.**

A fool's wisdom bring him strife, and his mouth invites a beating.

**A fool's mouth is his ruin, and his lips are a snare to his soul.**

Better a poor person whose walk is blameless than a fool whose lips are perverse.

**There is gold and abundance of costly stones, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel.**

**Prayers for Christ's Church and the World**

Mr. Rocky Freeman, *Ruling Elder*

**The Collection of Tithes and Offerings**

**The Musical Offering**

**"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

*arr. Taylor Davis*

Trinity Choir

**The Offering Consecration**

Mr. Wichlan

**\*Doxology**

DUKE STREET

**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.**

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**\*Service of Friendship**

Mr.

Wichlan

*Children between the ages of 4 through 1st grade may now be dismissed for Celebration Chapel, Room 101.*

*Please locate the black Friendship Pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it down. When it arrives at the other end of the row, pass it back, taking note of those who are seated in your row.*

**Extending the Gospel Moment**

**India Partnership**

Mr. Richard Brown

**Hymn of Baptism No. 419**

**“In Your Arms, Lord Jesus Christ”**

Stanzas 1 & 2

Text: Ed Clowney

Tune: LISTENING

**Service of Baptism**

*Eleanor Lillian Gregory, covenant child of Jeremy & Sarah Gregory*

*Blake Elizabeth Leydig*

*Rocco Alexander Leydig, covenant children of Adam & Sandy Leydig*

Mr. McCracken

**\*Hymn of Baptism No. 419**

**“In Your Arms, Lord Jesus Christ”**

Stanzas 3-5

Text: Ed Clowney

Tune: LISTENING

\*Scripture Reading

James 3:1-18  
ESV Pew Bible, pg. 1012

The Morning Sermon

"Tongues of Poison or Peace?"

Mr. McCracken

\*Hymn of Response

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Sebastian Temple



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace;\_\_\_\_\_ where there is hat-red let me bring your  
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace:\_\_\_\_\_ where there's des-pair in life let me bring  
3. Make me a chan-nel of your peace:\_\_\_\_\_ it is in par-don-ing that we are



love,\_\_\_\_\_ Where there is in - jur - y, your par - don, Lord,\_\_\_\_\_ and  
hope,\_\_\_\_\_ Where there is dark - ness,\_\_\_\_\_ on - ly light,\_\_\_\_\_ and  
par - doned,\_\_\_\_\_ in giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive,\_\_\_\_\_ and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you:\_\_\_\_\_   
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy:\_\_\_\_\_ O Mas - ter grant that  
dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.\_\_\_\_\_ END



I may ne - ver seek\_\_\_\_\_ so much to be con-soled as to con - sole;\_\_\_\_\_ to be



un - der - stood as to un - der stand,\_\_\_\_\_ to be loved, as to love with all my soul!\_

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

**I Peter 3:8-10**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another, be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit.

**People: With God's help we will.**

Minister: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you both now and forevermore.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\*Postlude**

Douglass McFarland, organist

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