

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2010 ❖ 10:30 AM

**Meditation for Worship Preparation**      **“The Gift of Gifts”**      From *The Valley of Vision*

*O Source of all good,  
What shall I render to thee for the gift of gifts,  
Thine own dear Son, begotten, not created,  
my redeemer, proxy, surety, substitute,  
His self-emptying incomprehensible,  
His infinity of love beyond the heart's grasp?  
Herein is wonder of wonders:  
He came below to raise me above,  
was born like me that I might become like him.  
Herein is love;  
when I cannot rise to him he draws near on wings of grace  
to raise me to himself.  
Herein is power;  
when Deity and humanity were infinitely apart  
He united them in indissoluble unity, the uncreated and the created.  
Herein is wisdom;  
when I was undone, with no will to return to him,  
and no intellect to devise recovery,  
He came, God-incarnate, to save me to the uttermost,  
as man to die my death,  
to shed satisfying blood on my behalf,  
to work out a perfect righteousness for me.  
O God, take me in spirit to the watchful shepherds, and  
enlarge my mind;  
let me hear good tidings of great joy,  
and hearing, believe, rejoice, praise, adore,  
my conscience bathed in an ocean of repose,  
my eyes uplifted to a reconciled Father;  
Place me with ox, ass, camel, goat,  
to look with them upon my redeemer's face,  
and in him account myself delivered from sin;  
Let me with Simeon clasp the new-born child to my heart,  
embrace him with undying faith,  
exulting that he is mine and I am his.  
In him thou hast given me so much that heaven can give no more!*

### **A Word to Worshippers**

As you come into this room this morning to prepare for worship, pause and reflect on the great truth that is contained in John 1:14: God is speaking to you. And the Word that God speaks to you is the person of Jesus Himself. Listen to God. Silence all the other noise of your heart. Hear the Word of God. As you fall silent now and begin to listen to His voice, He will draw near to you for He is Immanuel, God with us.

### **Prelude**

**“Prelude on ADESTE FIDELES”**  
**Douglass McFarland, organ, Dave Leeman, piano**

*arr. Joel Raney*

Choral Introit

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

Lighting the Advent Wreath

“The Love Candle”

*The Ray and Beth Nowell Family, acolytes*

\*Call to Worship

Isaiah 63:7-9, 16; John 3:16

Mr. McCracken

Minister: I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

People: For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them, in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the day... For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn of Adoration, No. 162

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM

*Stanzas 1-solo, Ron Bowser; 2-choir women; 3-choir men; 4 & 5, Congregation*

No. 213,

“What Child is This?”

GREENSLEEVES

“Jesus Loves Me”

*alternate words, Ken Bible*

1. Je - sus ba - by, O so small, cry - ing in this cat - tle stall; You are born so  
 2. Christ - mas comes so I can see Je - sus wants to live in me; He is with me  
 I can know: God is here and loves me so. Yes, Je - sus loves me!  
 all day long, good and gen - tle, kind and strong. Yes, Je - sus loves me!  
 Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**Westminster Confession, VIII.**

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

**We believe that the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.**

**Hymn of Praise, No. 230 "Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor" QUELLE EST CETTE**

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

Mr. Charles Rehlin, Ruling *Elder*

**The Mercy Offering**

Mr. Steve Drew

**The Collection of Tithes and Offerings**

**The Advent Musical Offering**

**"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"**

*Paul Manz*

Trinity Choir, directed by Dave Leeman

*Revelation 22*

*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might be saved. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come, sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!*

**The Offering Consecration**

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

**\*Doxology**

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**As they offered gifts most rare to the manger rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.  
Amen.**

**Welcoming of New Members**

Mr. Wichlan

Hettie Croucamp, Jerry Cross, Trey and Simone Kirkpatrick, Louis and Julie Lantiere, Adam and Sandy Leydig, Thomas and Nola McClellan, Ray and Beth Nowell, Norm and Becky Weiss, Dennis and Lynn Wheeldon, Ethan Wright (youth – Todd and Aleese Wright's son), Sarah Wright (youth – Todd and Aleese Wright's daughter)

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

Mr. Poteet

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**\*Service of Friendship**

*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.*

**\*The Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

**\*Scripture Reading**

**John 1:1-14**

*ESV Pew Bible, pg. 886*

**The Morning Sermon**

**"The Meaning of Advent"**

Mr. McCracken

\*Hymn of Response

“At the Name of Jesus”

1. At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow, ev - ery tongue con -  
 2. At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight, all the an - gel  
 3. Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name from the lips of  
 4. In your hearts en - throne Him, there let Him sub - due all that is not  
 5. With his Fa - ther's glo - ry He will come a - gain, an - gel hosts at -

fess him King of glo - ry now; This the Fath - er's plea - sure,  
 fa - ces, all the hosts of light; thrones and dom - in - a - tions,  
 sin - ners un - to whom he came; faith - ful - ly he bore it  
 ho - ly, all that is not true; Crown Him as your cap - tain  
 tend Him, and an - nounce his reign. For all wreaths of em - pire

that we call him Lord, who from the be - gin - ning was the migh - ty Word.  
 stars up - on their way, all the heav - en - ly or - ders, in their great ar - ray.  
 spot - less to the last, brought it back vic - tor - ious when from death he passed.  
 in temp - ta - tion's hour, let His will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.  
 meet up - on His brow, and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

\*The Charge and Benediction

Philippians 2:3-7, 9-11

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

People: With God’s help we will.

Minister: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen!

\*Postlude

Douglass McFarland, organist

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