

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 6, 2009 ❖ 10:30 AM ❖ The Second Sunday of Advent

Reflections for the Second Sunday of Advent

As we celebrate Christ's first Advent and await the second Advent yet in the future, the Advent Wreath is our visual calendar to mark the Sundays before Christmas Eve. Consider the various symbols in the wreath: the greenery that symbolizes new life that we have through life in Jesus; the red berries, symbolizing the blood he shed to give us life; candles in a circle rather than a straight line symbolize the endlessness of time. But Christ invaded it at a point over 2000 years ago and we will live with him eternally. The pure white Christ candle stands in the center, for Jesus is the center of time and of our world, a shining light in all places and at all times.

Along with the HOPE candle that burns from last Sunday, today we light the LOVE candle.

Thoughts for Worship Preparation

For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 5:10-11

The moment we become Christians we are dead, completely dead, to the *reign* of sin. We are out of sin's territory altogether... But now I imagine somebody putting forward an objection: 'How can you possibly say such a thing? We still sin, we still feel the power of temptation and the power of sin; how therefore can you honestly say that you are dead to the rule and to the reign and to the whole dominion of sin?' I answer this way. We must differentiate between what is true of our position as a fact and our experience... what he says is that every person in the world at this minute is either under the reign and rule of sin or elder under the reign and rule of grace... It is either one or the other, he cannot have a foot in each position... Why? He is either 'in Adam' or 'in Christ'.
David Martyn Lloyd-Jones

No more let sins or sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.
Isaac Watts, *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

Prelude

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Dave Leeman, keyboard; Ginny Primozic, French horn

Choral Introit

"A Flickering Candle"

Stephen P. Folkemer

A flickering candle sheds its light in hope of dawn's victorious might, and backward scurries cowardly night, reminded of the morning. Watch, watch, for Christ is near, the promised Son of God most dear. Love, love, his light will clear the shades of death and sin.

***Call to Worship and Lighting the Candle of Love** **Isaiah 63:7-9, 16**

Mr. McCracken
Connor Bowser, *Acolyte*

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.**

(Singing)

GREENSLEEVES

**God's Messenger prepares the way, on sin he shines a piercing ray;
He bids us greet the dawning day renewed and free from judgment.
Watch, watch for Christ is near, the promised Son of God most dear.
Love, love, his light will clear the shades of death and sin.**

***Hymn of Adoration, No. 194**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

***Prayer of Adoration**

The Rev. Patrick Poteet

***Affirmation of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith

Mr. Poteet

From XIII 1, 2, & 3

They, who are once effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart, and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them. This sanctification is imperfect in this life, and there arises a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and Spirit against the flesh. Yet, through the continual supply of strength from the Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part does overcome and so, the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

*Hymn of Praise

"Fullness of Grace"

Getty-Townend



1. Full -ness of grace in man's hu-man fra - il -ty, this is the won-der of Je - sus.
2. Full -ness of grace, the love of the Fa - ther shown in the face_ of Je - sus.
3. Full -ness of hope in Christ we had longed for, prom-ise of God_ in Je - sus,



Lay - ing a-side His po -wer and glo - ry, hum-bly he en - tered our world.
 Stoop - ing to bear the weight of hu-man-i-ty walk-ing the Cal - va - ry road.
 Through His o - be-dience we are for- giv - en open-ing the flood -gates of heav'n.



Chose the_ path of_ mean- est_ worth: scan - dal_ of a_ vir - gin birth.
 Christ the_ ho - ly_ in - no - cent, took our_ sin and_ pun - ish-ment.
 All our hopes and dreams we bring glad - ly_ as an_ off - er - ing.



Born in a sta - ble, cold and re - jec - ted: here lies the hope of the world.
 Full -ness of God, de - spised and re - ject - ed; Crushed for the sins_ of the world.
 Full -ness of life and joy un - speak-a-ble; God's gift in love. to the world.

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Rocky Freeman, *Ruling Elder*

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

"An Advent Credo"

Joseph Martin

Trinity Choir; Douglass McFarland, organ

I believe in joy, I believe in the promise of morning, I believe that Christ will come and wipe our tears away. I believe in hope, I believe in life everlasting. I believe that Christ will come and bring a bright new day. Lord, in my heart, I believe. When the darkness falls around me in the still of the night; when shadows all surround me, faith will lead me to the morning light. I believe in peace. I believe in a song of tomorrow. I believe that Christ will come and war shall be no more. I believe in God's great love, I believe in the grace that unites us. I believe that Christ will come in glory from above. I believe in joy, hope, peace, love. Lord, I believe.

The Offering Consecration

The Rev. Michael Wichlan

*The Doxology

DIX

As they offered gifts most rare at that 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 heavenly King. 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. At this time, please locate the black Friendship pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it back to the beginning of the row.

*Prayer for Illumination

Mr. McCracken

*Scripture Reading

Romans 6:1-14
Pew Bibles, pg. 942

The Morning Sermon

"Dead and Alive"

*Hymns of Response, No.218 & 286 "Angels from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE

Stanzas 1 & 4

"Worship Christ the Risen King!"

Stanzas 1 & 5

Celebration of Holy Communion

This is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate him. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome to partake. If you are not a Christian, or if you choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer.

A Word to Parents: To receive communion, a child must have been baptized and been formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. If your children will not be receiving communion, please use this afternoon to instruct them about the meaning of our sin and Christ's grace at the Cross.

Public Confession of Sin

from Psalm 51

Mr. Freeman

Have mercy on me, O God because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin...and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

(singing)

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray.

Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;

O come to us abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 31: 3, 4, 34

Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. I will build you up again and you will be rebuilt, O Virgin Israel. Again you will take up your tambourines and go out to dance with the joyful...No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

My friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

*The Great Thanksgiving

Mr. Poteet

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We praise you that in the fullness of time, you revealed your love by sending your Son, Jesus, to be the Light of the world. Therefore we adore you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

(singing)

Glo---ria, in excelsis Deo

GLORIA

Glo—ria, in excelsis Deo

Thanksgiving Prayer and Words of Institution

(Followed by proclaiming boldly)

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*We serve real wine during communion because of the example and command of the Lord Himself.
Grape juice is also available in a purple cup at the center of the tray.*

Communion Songs:

The bread: "From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable"

Stuart Townend



1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
 2. King of heaven now the Friend of sinners, humble servant in the Father's hands.
 3. Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, He was lifted on a cruel cross;
 4. Now He's standing in the place of honour, crowned with glory on the highest throne,



to the anguish and the shame of scandal came the Saviour of the human race!_
 Filled with power and the Holy Spirit, filled with mercy for the broken man._
 he was punished for a world's transgressions, He was suffering to save the lost._
 In-ter-ced-ing for His own be-lov-ed Till His Father calls to bring us home!_



But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shepherds listen as the angels
 Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain, Joys and sorrows that I know so
 Then He fought for breath, Now He fights for me. Loosing sinners from the claims of
 Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds, hope of heaven or the fear of



tell of the Gift of God come down to man at the dawn-ing of Em-man-u - el!_
 well; Yet His right-eous steps give me hope a - gain. I will fol-low my Em-man-u - el!_
 hell; And with a shout our souls are free. Death de-feat-ed by Em-man-u - el!_
 hell; But the Bride will run to her Lov-er's arms, Giv-ing glo-ry to Em-man-u - el!_

The cup: "Mary's Child"

Geoffery Ainger



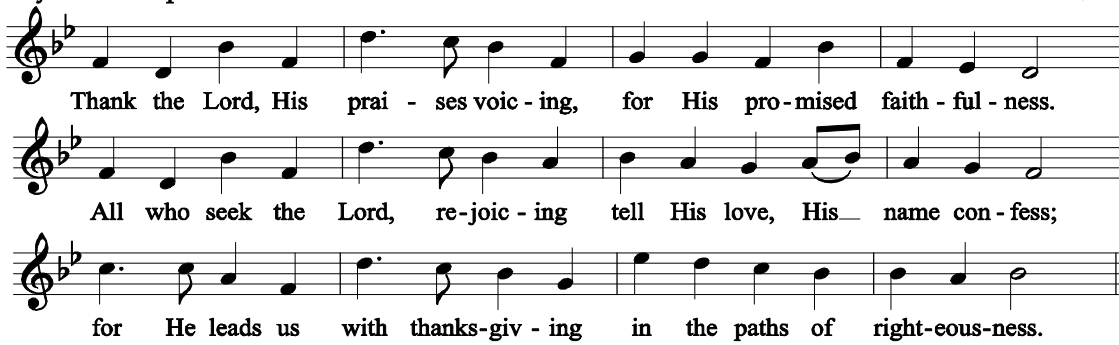
1. Born in the night, Mar-y's child, a long way from your home;_
 2. Clear shin-ing light, Mar-y's child, your face lights up our way;_
 3. Truth of our life, Mar-y's child, you tell us God is good;_
 4. Hope of the world, Mar-y's child, you're com-ing soon to reign;_
 Com - ing in need Mar-y's child, born in a bor-rowed room.
 Light of the world, Mar-y's child, dawn on our dark-ened day.
 Prove it is true, Mar-y's child, go to your cross of wood.
 King of the earth, Mar-y's child, walk in our streets a - gain.



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***Hymn of Departure**

REGENT SQUARE



Thank the Lord, His prai - ses voic - ing, for His pro - mised faith - ful - ness.
All who seek the Lord, re-joic - ing tell His love, His name con - fess;
for He leads us with thanks-giv - ing in the paths of right-eous-ness.

***Charge and Benediction**

Mr. McCracken

Minister: The hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. So let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13:11, 12, 14

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

Minister: Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ...to the only wise God, be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Romans 16:27

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

Organ Postlude

Douglass McFarland, organist

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**All in the congregation, who are able, please stand.*