

Order for the Celebration & Worship of God

December 9, 2018

The principal reason for the virgin birth was so that the entry of God into human flesh might be by divine initiative. It is not by any human act or at any human initiative that salvation comes to us. It is divinely initiated. Man does nothing. Mary did nothing (other than to submit to what God would do). Joseph did nothing. God did it all. ~ Sam Storms

#196 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus; born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend;
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Call To Worship

**Please repeat the portion in bold with volume and passion!*

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
O Lord, open our lips...

... **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise! Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me! Hallelujah!**

Advent Reading and Lighting the Candle

Matthew 1:18-25

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God!**

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued, both day and night.
=*chorus*=

Then let us all, with one accord,
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought!
=*chorus*=

Prayer Of Adoration — Minister
Followed by praying together :

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your

life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Amen.

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

***We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight***

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth
=*chorus*=

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name
=*chorus 2X*=

We'll walk by faith and not by sight

= *Please be seated* =

Christ the King Worship Ensemble ~ Special Music

*Listen for His Coming
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence and O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Prayers Of The People

Offertory

Welcome And Announcements

Scripture Reading:

Deuteronomy 18:9-19

Reader: The Word of the Lord!
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Deuteronomy 18:9-19 (ESV)

⁹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. ¹⁰There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer ¹¹or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, ¹²for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God is driving them out before you. ¹³You shall be blameless before the LORD your God, ¹⁴for these nations, which you are about to dispossess, listen to fortune-tellers and to diviners. But as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do this.

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

The Sermon — Rev. Charles Isaac
Advent 2018
Jesus our Prophet

The Lord's Table—Holy Communion

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

If your heart's desire is to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior, there is a prayer **at the bottom of the next page** that can help guide you. If you pray this prayer, please speak to the pastor or elders after the service.

Confession of Sin In Unison

Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against you. Work repentance in our hearts by your Holy Spirit. Help us see Jesus Christ our Lord: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, the Savior of sinners. Strengthen us to follow Him, commune with Him, and be conformed to His image. Let us experience your grace, making us bold for others, that we might joyfully proclaim your salvation. Amen.

= *Take a moment to privately and silently confess to God any particular sin* =

New Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim
The pow'r and might of His great Name
Let us exalt on bended knee
Praise God the holy Trinity

***Praise God, praise God
Praise God Who saved my soul
Praise God, praise God
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow***

Praise to the King His throne transcends
His crown and Kingdom never end
Now and throughout eternity
I'll praise the One Who died for me

=*chorus 2X*=

=Repeat Verse 1=

= *Please be seated* =

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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
People: **Have mercy upon us and grant us your peace!**
Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**
Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

Distribution Of The Elements

Please come forward for Communion with joy and thanksgiving!

**If you are unable to come forward, please let us know and we will serve you at your seat.*

Wine is served for communion in the inner rings. The outer ring contains grape juice

Please stand and sing together: ***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Concluding Prayer And Benediction — Minister

May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!
Amen. Go in peace!

Postlude — *Christ the King Worship Ensemble*

Service Schedule for Worship and Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages _____ **9:00AM**

SUNDAY WORSHIP (nursery provided) _____ **10:00AM**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served each week and open to those who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good. His mercy endures forever!



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All good which could be thought or desired is to be found in Jesus Christ alone. For He was humbled to exalt us, He became a slave to free us, He became poor to enrich us. He was sold to redeem us, made captive for our deliverance, condemned for our absolution; He was made a curse for our blessing, an offering for sin for our righteousness, He was marred that we might be restored, He died for our life. So that by Him harshness is softened, anger appeased, darkness made light, injustice justified, weakness made strong, dejection consoled, sin prevented, scorn despised, fear made sure, debt canceled, toil made light, sadness rejoiced, misfortune made blessed, difficulty eased, disorder ordered, division united, ignominy made noble, rebellion quelled, threats threatened, ambushes uncovered, assaults assailed, effort weakened, combat combated, war warred against, vengeance avenged, torment tormented, damnation damned, ruin ruined, hell held prisoner, death done to death and immortality made immortal.

—**John Calvin**
Preface to the French Bible, 1539

= Prayer of faith to place your trust in Jesus Christ =

Lord Jesus, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit. I also understand that you love and accept me more than I ever dared to hope. Thank you for dying in my place on the Cross, bearing the punishment for my misdeeds, paying the debt for all my sins and offering me complete forgiveness. I turn away from my past life of self-centeredness and now confess you are my Lord, my God and my Savior. I believe you have been raised from the dead and humbly ask you fill me with your blessed Holy Spirit so I may begin my new life with you. Amen.

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the strong Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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The Second Sunday of Advent