

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*First Sunday of Advent*  
*World Aids Day*  
*Presbyterian HIV/AIDS Awareness*

December 1, 2019

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast  
Liturgist: Julie Ciuro

## PRELUDE:

I. *Advent Star* - Edward Broughton

II. *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - VENI EMMANUEL, arr. Lani Smith

## CHIMING THE HOUR

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Psalm 118 says: **This is the Day that the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! Good morning and welcome. It is so nice to see all of you here this morning. Please remember to sign the attendance registers located in each pew. It is time for announcements, does anybody have an announcement they would like to make?**

**Please stand, in body or spirit, and join me in our Call to Worship and remain standing through the response**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsively)

Leader: **Something wonderful is about to happen.**

People: **We wait for the birth of a child.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

## \*PRAISE CHORUS:

Hymn No. 83 "*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*" vs. 1 STUTTGART

**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.**

**Please bow your heads for our Opening Prayer**

**\*OPENING PRAYER** God, who has known us from the womb, who knows all things, we come into Your presence with joy. We look toward the coming of the Christ child with the eyes of one who anticipates the advent of salvation. Grant us the joy of the Advent season, but through the whole year. Amen.

**Our first Hymn today is Hymn No. 82, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus. The congregation is invited to put their Chrismons on the tree during this Hymn.**

## \*HYMN No. 82

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

HYFRYDOL

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us confess our sins before Almighty God.

**Let us pray...**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, be with us as we confess our sins and failings. Hear our ardent prayers. We know we have fallen short of Your call on our lives. We sinned against You and others in thought, word, and deed. Though we try to be faithful to Your commands, we find it hard in our confusing, divided world. We struggle to love our enemies when we are told to hate those who aren't like us, to turn away the immigrant, and view those who we oppose as less than human. Forgive us as we struggle with our sin and give us clarity of purpose as we face an uncertain world. (Please wait about 20 seconds, and then say,) Amen.

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Brothers and sisters in Christ, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 494 *"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"* vs. 2 QUEBEC  
Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
to them that seek Thee Thou art good, to them that find Thee, all in all.

**You may be seated, and would Joe and Lorrinda please come up as we sing:**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

(Congregation sings)

As we light the Advent Candle  
with the light of *Hope* burning bright,  
faithfully we wait for His coming;  
faithfully it shines through the night.  
In our humble hearts a fire burns as well;  
hear the prayers these flames would tell.

**TIME FOR YOUTH** Would our youth please come forward.

**Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** Open our ears that we may hear the voice of God in spoken word. Give us the hearts to understand and act on all that is spoken here today. Amen.

**Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 122 please read it responsively with me.**

**PSALTER LESSON** Psalm 122 (Please read responsively)

Leader: **I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"**

People: **Our feet are standing within Your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Leader: **Jerusalem – built as a city that is bound firmly together.**

People: **To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.**

Leader: **For there the thrones for judgement were set up, the thrones of the house of David.**

People: **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."**

Leader: **For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."**

People: **For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.**

Leader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: Thanks be to God!

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 2:1-5, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 631-632

**Our choir will now sing the Anthem:**

**ANTHEM:** *Come Emmanuel* - Pepper Choplin

**GOSPEL LESSON** Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 24:36-44, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 27-28

**SERMON**

Rev. Janet Boyanton

Those who are able, please stand and join with me in singing:

**\*HYMN** No. 97

*"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"*

ABERYSTWYTH

**Please join me in Affirmation of Faith as it is printed in your bulletin.**

**\*AFFIRMATION** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 581

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

GLORIA PATRI

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.

**You may be seated. It is now time for our Prayer Concerns and Celebrations. Does anybody have anything they would like to share?**

**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY** Prayer concerns and celebrations

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OFFERTORY:** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* - PICARDY, arr. Lani Smith

**\*RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 606 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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.

**Let us come to God with our prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord of the harvest and of the famine, hear our prayer of joyous thanksgiving. You have given us more than we need. Even when things seem hard, You are there. In the safety of Your love we live secure knowing that someday we will eat at Your banquet with You. Amen.

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

(For the music used during the prayer turn to #552, 553, and 554 in the hymnal.)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: To the one true and living God...

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with the choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful are the works of Your hands, Holy God, and how gracious is the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Breathe on us, breath of God, and upon these gifts of bread and cup...

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

**Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

**Our last Hymn today is:**

\*HYMN No. 93

*"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

TRURO

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:** Hymn No. 80

*"You Shall Go Out with Joy"*

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands;  
the trees of the field will clap their hands  
while you go out in peace.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*POSTLUDE:** *Lift Up Your Heads!*

- TRURO from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, arr. David Paxton

**\*Those who are able may stand.**

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*Please join us for Refreshments  
following the Worship Service.*

# Daily Bread

Supplement

DeSoto Presbyterian Church [www.desotopresbyterian.org](http://www.desotopresbyterian.org)

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## CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We will continue to collect clothes for the needy and box tops for education. Please bring in your donations and put them in the designated places in the opportunity corner.

## THE ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree this year will be the same as last year: that is, envelopes will be put out for you to put your contribution in toward a gift from the Presbyterian gift catalog. You may put the envelope in the collection plate when it is passed. If you want credit on your statement for it, you should include your name on the envelope. Or you may simply write a check and note "Angel Tree" in the memo space.

## POINSETTIAS SIGN-UP SHEET

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen for those wishing to purchase poinsettias for the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The price should be around \$9.00 each. Deadline for sign-up is December 8<sup>th</sup>. Your poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service on December 24<sup>th</sup>; those not taken home by December 29<sup>th</sup> will be trashed. Thank you, Pat Nash, Worship Committee

## COOKIE EXCHANGE

We will be having our Annual Cookie Exchange following the worship service on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Bring your favorite cookies and enjoy trying others favorites.

## DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

We will finish decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Please come spend a couple hours of that Saturday morning and help us finish making the church look beautiful to celebrate the Lord's birth.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### MONDAY

06:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Tigers

07:00 PM Boy Scouts 109

### TUESDAY

10:30 AM Tuesday Group

### THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

### NEXT SUNDAY – Second Sunday of Advent

09:15 AM Choir Practice

10:30 AM Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Our Leaders

Our Presbytery, our church, our Session

Our Troops

Millie Allen

Tom Price needs continued prayers

Continued prayers for Bill and Nina Swaney

Sue Fitch

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Irmagene Mitchell

Karla Krueger, she has M.S. and is very sick

Cora Marsaw is in treatments, pray for a good outcome

Continued prayers for Cameroon

Margie Sonntag

A family member of Janet's is suffering from depression

Sharon and Clyde Lockhart

Martha Brashear is still in pain after her surgery, prayers for her and Truman

Janet's brother-in-law Ken

Diane Sharp

Ransome Kanu was accepted into North Texas University, he needs continued prayers

Sonia Wills and her family

Cori has health issues and needs to have a surgery

La Nelle Pierce has lung cancer and fungus in both her lungs

The church in Cameroon is being destroyed

Zac Tucker

Julie's daughter's parents-in-law are both very ill

Aurelia's son, Joshua Coleman

Janet's friend Chris has bone cancer and other problems

Travel mercies for all our members who are traveling

Phil Donaldson is in the hospital with complications from a recent surgery

The recent shooting victims and their families

April Alexander was in a car accident

Duke Burgess and his family

Jennifer Swan

## **CELEBRATIONS**

Gene Knox's birthday