

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

- I. *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* - STUTTGART, arr. Edward Broughton
- II. *He Shall Feed His Flock* - from "The Messiah", G. F. Handel

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: **My soul magnifies the Lord,**

People: **and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

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 of hope, You call us home from exile of selfish oppression to the freedom of justice, the balm of healing, and the joy of sharing. Make us strong to join You in Your holy work, as friends of strangers and victims, companions of those whom others shun, and as the happiness of those whose hearts are broken. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 88**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

***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**

God, as we draw closer to the miracle of Christmas, let us not forget those who are in need of our help. At times we cannot see the suffering in our midst, the dire position of people right before our eyes. We see only what we want to see and in doing so miss Your call to service. Help us to see clearly what lies near at hand and to understand the opportunity to serve You in our community and world. Forgive us when we fail to help those who need us most. (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 now would Alice Anne and Steve Perry please come forward as the congregation sings?

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Alice Anne and Steve Perry

(Congregation sings)

As we light the Advent Candle
with the light of Joy 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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

TIME FOR YOUTH At this time would our youth please come forward. (If there are no youth (besides the regulars,) then just say "you may be seated.")

Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION O God of Isaiah and John the Baptist, through all such faithful ones You proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life. Strengthen our hearts to believe Your advent promise that one day we will walk in the holy way of Christ, where sorrow and sighing will be no more and the journey of God's people will be joy. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 146:5-10 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever;

Leader: Who executes justice for the oppressed; Who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

People: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

Leader: The Lord watches over strangers; He upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

People: The Lord will reign forever, Your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 35:1-10, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 663

Our choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: *Go to Him in Bethlehem* - Pepper Choplin

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 1:46b-55, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 57

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

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

***HYMN** No. 121

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ST. LOUIS

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

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

OFFERTORY: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - VENI EMMANUEL, arr. Michael McCabe

***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**

God of joy and exultation, You strengthen what is weak; You enrich the poor and give hope to those who live in fear. Look upon our needs this day. Make us grateful for the good news of salvation and keep us faithful in Your service until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives forever and ever. Amen.

***HYMN No. 132**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

IN DULCI JUBILO

***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;
while you go out in joy.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***POSTLUDE:** *Song of the Watchman* - Edward Grieg

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

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

POINTSETTIAS

QTY GIVEN BY

NOTATION

2	Julie Ciuro	In memory of family
1	Joe and Lorrinda Alexander	In honor of Alexander family
1	Joe and Lorrinda Alexander	In honor of Fewell family
2	Joan Christy	To our loved ones in Heaven
2	Pat Nash	To honor our Lord's coming
1	Bill and Lori Gast	To our loved ones in heaven
2	Irmagene Mitchell	In honor of the choir
		In memory of loved ones
2	Barry and Bryan Krueger	In memory of all family that has passed
1	Nina Swaney	Our Lord and Savior
1	Elizabeth Price	Rev. Byron Price
1	Judy Price	Rev. Byron Price

Daily Bread

Supplement

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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.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

We will be having our Annual Cookie Exchange following the worship service today, December 15th. Even if you didn't bring cookies to share, we hope you will stay and have some cookies, coffee, and fellowship.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

06:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Tigers

07:00 PM Boy Scouts 109

TUESDAY

11:00 AM Group Christmas Lunch

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY – Fourth 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

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

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

The church in Cameroon in 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

Jennifer Swan is back in the hospital

Nina's granddaughter, Ame, is in the hospital with an infection

Julie's friends Karla and Rusty, lost their father, prayers for family and friends

Julie's friends Pam and Phyllis, lost their mother, prayers for family and friends

Dr. Cora Marsaw passed away, prayers for Aurelia and all of Cora's friends and family

Nina and Julie are both suffering from sciatica

CELEBRATIONS

Nancy's granddaughter is coming home from her secret mission