

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

December 2, 2018

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast  
Liturgist: Bill Gast

## **PRELUDE:**

- I. *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* - HOUSTON, arr. John A. Benhke
- II. *Meditation on "Veni Emmanuel"* - arr. John Scriveyner

## **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: **To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**

People: **O my God, in You I trust.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

## **\*PRAISE CHORUS:**

Hymn No. 106

*"Prepare the Way, O Zion"* vs 1 BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

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

**\*OPENING PRAYER** **In joyous anticipation, we come before You today, knowing that the birth of our Savior draws near. As we sing our songs of Advent and pray our earnest prayers, keep us mindful of those who cannot celebrate the majesty of the birth of our king. In Christ's name. Amen.**

**Our first hymn today is**

**\*HYMN No. 88** *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (vs 1, 2, 6, 7) 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**

Merciful God hear our ardent prayers. We struggle to be the people You call us to be. We long to help others but don't know what they truly need. We have good intentions, but often fail to act on them. We find ourselves overwhelmed by the needs of this world and, since we cannot address them all, we simply stop trying to help. Forgive us when we let our own confusion get in the way of following You. Help us to listen for Your voice guiding us and comforting us as we take steps down the path of true discipleship. (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. 71 "Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me" (Refrain only) FIRST SONG

Surely it is God who saves me, I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and God will be my Savior.

**You may be seated, and now would Chika, Ransome, and Andre please come up as the congregation sings**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

Chika, Ransome, and Andre Kanu

(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** 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** Lord, let the glory of the Advent season shine in our hearts and minds as we approach the birth of our Savior. Make the words of Advent fresh and new as if we were hearing them for the first time. Amen.

**PSALTER LESSON** Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 25:1-10 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: **To You, O LORD, I lift my soul.**

People: **O my God, in You I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Leader: **Do not let those who wait for You be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

People: **Make me know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.**

Leader: **Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all day long.**

People: **Be mindful of Your mercy, O LORD, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

Leader: **Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

People: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

Leader: **He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.**

People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His decrees.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Jeremiah 33:14-16, you may follow along in your Pew Bibles on Page 738

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

**ANTHEM:** *Come, Messiah!* - Lloyd Larson

**GOSPEL LESSON** Our Gospel Lesson comes from Luke 21:25-36, you may follow along in your Pew Bibles on Pages 85-86

**SERMON**

Rev. Janet Boyanton

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

**\*HYMN** No. 129

*“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”*

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**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:** *He Shall Feed His Flock* - G. F. Händel

**\*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 most high, we thank You for all Your gifts to us. We are grateful for the gifts of family and friends and our time together. As we begin our Advent journey, fill us with the joy of anticipation of the birth of the Christ Child, and use our gifts to the glory of Your name. 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. 82**

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

HYFRYDOL

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE:

Hymn No. 79      *"Light Dawns on a Weary World"* vs 1      TEMPLE OF PEACE

**Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.**

**Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.**

**The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands gush with springs;  
the hills and the mountains shall break forth with singing!**

We shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace,  
as all the world with wonder echoes *shalom*.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*POSTLUDE:** *People Look East* - BESANÇON, arr. Robert Lau

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

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*Please join us for Coffee and Refreshments  
following the Worship Service*

**Daily Bread**

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**CLOTHES FOR THE NEEDY**

Fall is here and our thoughts are with the homeless. We are collecting clothing for the needy. Especially needed are men's clothing, and socks in dark colors in all sizes. Please bring these items to the church and place them in the laundry basket located in the opportunity corner.

Thank you, Faith in Action

## **POINSETTIAS**

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. Price is \$10.00 each. Deadline for sign-up is December 9th. Your poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service on December 24; those not taken by December 30 will be trashed. Thank you, Pat Nash

## **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.

A reminder also that we will be collecting funds for the Christmas Joy Offering. More on this later.

Thank you very much for your continued generosity. The Faith in Action Committee.

## **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 Morning Group

### **THURSDAY**

10:00 AM Art Group

**NEXT SUNDAY** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

09:15 AM Choir Practice

10:30 AM Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship Service

## **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

Bill's father, Bill Gast

Sue Fitch

Continued prayers for Joan's nephew, Ryan McNeil

Makia and Mireille Epie

Joe and Lorrinda Alexander

Joan's sister Shirley Gearheart and her kids

Irmagene Mitchell

Steve Rangel

Bob Drury

Bruce Allen

Prayers for those who are unable to go to church, but would love to

Joe's friend, Kevin Kimsy – he had a stroke and has other medical problems  
Pray for Russia – Christians can't share Christ in public  
Travel mercies for Gene Knox as he travels on his 89 day cruise  
Karla Krueger, she has M.S. and is very sick  
Lorrinda Alexander's hip replacement surgery is scheduled on December 19<sup>th</sup>  
Mireille's co-workers  
Nancy's son-in-law's mother, Sue Burgess and all of the family  
Fires in California  
Carolyn Douglas – recovering from knee surgery  
Travel mercies for Okoro's family  
Pat Nash is going to be tested for glaucoma

### **CELEBRATIONS**

Gene Knox's birthday  
Bryan is celebrating the people who volunteer to help keep the church looking and functioning as well as it does. He specifically thanked Pat, Joan, and especially Joe Alexander for all the hours of work he did over the holidays on the ceiling  
Mireille and Makia are celebrating Makia's 1 year "rebirth". They also celebrated Thanksgiving and their family that was here.