

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Christmas Joy Offering

December 22, 2019

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Bill Gast

PRELUDE:

I. *Fantasia on FOREST GREEN* - arr. Lani Smith

II. *Meditation on "Silent Night"* - STILLE NACHT, arr. Brian Glyncannon

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: **For unto us a child is born.**

People: **and He shall be called Emmanuel.**

All: **Halleluiah!**

*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** O God of Elizabeth and Mary, You visited Your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Savior. Make our hearts leap with joy, and fill our mouths with songs of praise, that we may announce glad tidings of peace and welcome the Christ in our midst. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

***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, as we approach the birth of Your Son with both joy and reverence, be merciful on us. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We love You but despise “others”. We want to work for Your kingdom, but only when it is convenient. Forgive our tendency to put our interest over Yours and lead us to a closer relationship to the child born in Bethlehem. (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 after the congregation sings, would Bryan and Barry please come up to light the Advent Candles?

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Bryan and Barry Krueger

(Congregation sings)

As we light the Advent Candle
with the light of *Peace* 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.

Pat Nash would you come up to give us a Minute for Mission?

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pat Nash

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.”)

We will now sing Hymn No. 132, “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

HYMN No. 132

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

Please bow your heads for our Prayer of Illumination

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Shepherd of Israel, may Jesus, Emmanuel and Son of Mary, be more than just a dream in our hearts. With the apostles, prophets, and saints, save us, restore us, and lead us in the way of grace and peace, that we may bear Your promise into the world. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

People: before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up Your might, and come save us!

Leader: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

People: O Lord God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people’s prayers?

Leader: **You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

People: **You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.**

Leader: **Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.**

People: **But let Your hand be upon the one at Your right hand, the one whom You made strong for Yourself.**

Leader: **Then we will never turn back from You; give us life, and we will call on Your name.**

People: **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 7:10-16, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 636

Our choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: *Go Tell it Where I Send Thee* - Pepper Choplin

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 1:18-25, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 1

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

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

***HYMN No. 113**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

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: *The Hills of Bethlehem* - Todd Kendall

***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 promise, You have given us a sign of Your love through the gift of Jesus Christ our Savior, Who was promised from ages past. We believe as Joseph did the message of Your presence whispered by an angel, and offer our prayers for Your world, confident of Your care and mercy for all creation. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 119**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

***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:** *Hymn of Rejoicing* - IN DULCI JUBILO, J. S. Bach

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

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Please join us for Refreshments

following the Worship Service.

POINTSETTIAS

QTY GIVEN BY

2 Julie Ciuro
1 Joe and Lorrinda Alexander
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2 Joan Christy
2 Pat Nash
1 Bill and Lori Gast
2 Irmagene Mitchell

2 Barry and Bryan Krueger

1 Nina Swaney
1 Elizabeth Price
1 Judy Price

NOTATION

In memory of family
In honor of Alexander family
In honor of Fewell family
To our loved ones in Heaven
To honor our Lord's coming
 To our loved ones in heaven
In honor of the choir
In memory of loved ones
In memory of all family that
 has passed
Our Lord and Savior
Rev. Byron Price
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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.

POINSETTIAS

Please take home your poinsettias following the Christmas Eve service. If there are any left following the service on December 29th they will be discarded.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

06:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Tigers

07:00 PM Boy Scouts 109

TUESDAY

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

NEXT SUNDAY

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 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

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