

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2019

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast
Liturgist: Julie Ciuro

PRELUDE:

- I. *In the Bleak Midwinter* - Gustav Holst, arr. Douglas E. Wagner
- II. *O Little Town of Bethlehem* - ST. LOUIS, arr. David Paxton

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: **I will proclaim Your name to my brothers and sisters,**

People: **in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.**

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 glory, Your splendor shines from a manger in Bethlehem, where the Light of the world is humbly born into the darkness of human night. Open our eyes to Christ's presence in the shadows of our world, so that we, like Him, may become beacons of Your justice, and defenders of all for whom there is no room. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 611

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

***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 who is ever faithful, keep our hearts and minds focused on what is good and pure. We strive to focus on the good in the world, but often find ourselves drawn into the act of chronic complaining. We join in with those who criticize and belittle others. We want to be a friend to all but find ourselves going along with the crowd. Forgive us when we fail to focus on the good in the world. Help us to focus at all times on the glory of Your love for all people. (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.

TIME FOR YOUTH You may be seated and 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 Light of life, You came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be Your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see Your presence among us, so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 148 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him to the heights!

People: Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His host!

Leader: Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars!

People: Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.

People: He established them forever and ever; He fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Leader: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

People: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling His command!

Leader: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

People: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.

People: He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to Him. Praise the Lord!

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 63:7-9, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 693

Heidi will now sing:

SPECIAL MUSIC: Welcome to Our World - Chris Rice, SOLOIST: Heidi Yuhanna

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 2:13-23, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on page 2

SERMON

Rev. Janet Boyanton

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

*HYMN No. 159

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

KINGSFOLD

You may be seated, Lori Gast would you please come forward.

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF RULING ELDERS

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.

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: *What Child is This?* - GREENSLEEVES, arr. Janet Linker

***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**

Praise is our cry, O Holy One of Israel, for You have come among us and borne our burdens. Give us open hearts, that we might embrace our suffering sisters and brothers, and welcome Jesus in the hospitality we show to exiles. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

*HYMN No. 135

“There’s a Star in the East”

FOLLOW

***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:** *O Come All Ye Faithful* - ADESTE FIDELIS, arr. Lani Smith

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

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

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

If you didn't take home your poinsettias following the Christmas Eve service, they will be discarded following the service today, December 29th.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

06:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Tigers

07:00 PM Boy Scouts 109

NEXT SUNDAY

09:15 AM Choir Practice

10:30 AM Adult Bible Study

11:00 AM Worship with communion

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

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

Nina and Julie are both suffering from sciatica

CELEBRATIONS

The church's website – and thanks to Barry Krueger for his hard work on it

So glad to have Irmagene and Lisa here

Bryson and Emily are being adopted by Jeff and April Alexander on Friday