

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

Eleven O'Clock

Greeters: Elizabeth Price and Lori Gast

Liturgist: Pat Nash

PRELUDE:

I. *Of the Father's Love Begotten* - DIVINUM MYSTERIUM - arr. Margrethe Hokanson

II. *People, Look East!* - BESANÇON, arr. Stephen L. Aber

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: **The birth of Christ draws nearer.**

People: **We look for the birth of a king!**

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 Advent cheer us on our way as we prepare for the birth of Your Son. We experience the thrill of Your mighty acts as we celebrate Christ's birth year after year. Never let us lose sight of the reason for our joy as we embrace this Christmas season. Amen.

Our first hymn today is:

***HYMN** No. 263

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

***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**

Loving God, we sometimes lose sight of You amid the tinsel and twinkling lights of Christmas decorations. We get lost in shopping, wrapping presents, and preparing food. Amid those tasks Jesus becomes lost. Our minds are too crowded to fit Him in. Forgive us when we let the secular Christmas overshadow the sacred. Let the birth of the Christ child be foremost in our minds throughout the Christmas season. **(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.

(Pat, I'm not sure how you want to say their names, because I'm not sure who all is going to be here. If all 3 are here, I guess you can say their names, if Devynne isn't here, Janet may come up, so you could just say the Boyanton family.)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Boyanton Family

(Congregation sings)

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

You may be seated, and now I would like to take a few minutes for mission
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 God please illuminate Your word that it may light a fire of conviction in each of us. Let Your light shine through us on the whole community. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON Our Psalter Lesson comes from Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 please read it responsively with me.

Leader: Give the king Your justice, O God, and Your righteousness to a king's Son.

People: May He judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice.

Leader: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

People: May He defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

Leader: May He live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

People: May He be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

Leader: In His days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

People: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Leader: Blessed be His glorious name forever;

People: may His glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON Our Gospel Lesson comes from Matthew 3:1-12, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 2-3

Our choir will now sing the Anthem:

ANTHEM: *The World Awaits Your Coming* - Pepper Choplin

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Our Old Testament Lesson comes from Isaiah 11:1-10, you may follow along in your pew Bibles on pages 640-641

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

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: *Holy is the Lord* - Franz Schubert

***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, hear our prayer of thanksgiving. We are grateful for the bounty you provide us, for the gift of family and friends. We are most grateful for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who was born to redeem us. Jesus walked among humanity as one of us and, knowing our failings, died for our salvation. There is no greater gift. As we celebrate Christmas never let us forget Your gift of grace to all people. Amen.

Our last Hymn today is:

***HYMN No. 105**

“People, Look East”

BESANÇON

***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:** *Variations on “Hyfrydol”* - arr. Benton Price

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

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Today’s flowers are donated by
Julie Ciuro

*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 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 8th. Your poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service on December 24th; those not taken home by December 29th 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 15th. Bring your favorite cookies and enjoy trying others favorites.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

06:00 PM Cub Pack 789 Tigers

07:00 PM Boy Scouts 109

TUESDAY

10:30 AM Write Christmas Cards to shut-ins

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Art Group

SATURDAY

1:00 PM Stated Session Meeting at Barry and Bryan's house

NEXT SUNDAY – Third 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

CELEBRATIONS

We are so blessed, and our hope is that we will be there for those who need us.

Lori thanks Heidi and Ivan for a wonderful thanksgiving meal, and for their friendship