

Dec 12, 2021

*This is the day that the LORD has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

Prelude

Selection by PM

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Ps. 96:1-6

¹ Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! ² Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! ⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

***Hymn of Praise**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 208

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels;

Refrain:

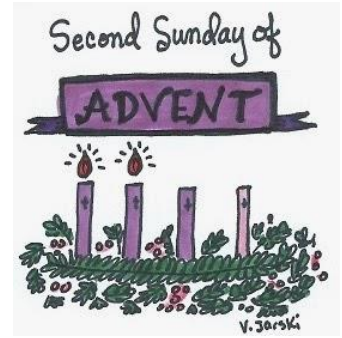
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created; **(Refrain)**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God _, in the highest; **(Refrain)**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing. **(Refrain)**

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***Prayer of Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-56
ESV (Pew pg. 854/LP pg.1067)

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have fallen short of your glory and have sought after sin this week. You, who are a kind and compassionate father to us, desiring to give good gifts to us your children; we confess that we have turned our backs on you this week and have gone seeking that which is not good, but that we have craved and tasted of that sin which only brings heartache and destruction to ourselves. Forgive, our Father, we pray, and yet again take away our sin from us. Work constant and continual repentance in each one of our hearts, and renew our desires that we might renounce all ungodliness and worldly passions and live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age. Help us to wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness. Make us zealous for good works. We pray this all in Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Ps. 96:7-13

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!
⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; ¹² let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy ¹³ before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“PEACE on the earth, good will to men, from heav’n’s all-gracious King”;
the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary world:
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
when PEACE shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

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WSC 75-76

Q. 75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbor's wealth or outward estate.

Q. 76. Which is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Prayer of Intercession

Offering

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***Doxology**

No. 731

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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***Hymn of Preparation**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

No. 201

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth.
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is giv'n;
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

1. Praise

2. Power

3. Prosperity

Questions:

1. How was Joseph able to handle being passed over? Could it be that this passage is teaching us that sometimes/often times the perception of being passed over on possible blessings are actually the blessings themselves? Explain.
2. Were Judah's sins any worse than Reuben, Simeon, or Levi's? Do you see the fruit(s) of repentance in Judah? See Genesis 37:26ff.; 38:26.
3. If you had to pick a mascot from the animal kingdom for you or your family, what animal would you choose and why? Why does Judah get compared to a lion cub?
4. What does v. 12 mean? Why is there a physical description of Judah's descendants in this text? What does this tell us about Jesus?

***Hymn of Response**

Away in a Manger

No. 204

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

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***Benediction**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 735

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.

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Postlude

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*** Congregation:** Please stand as able.

**Piano, Organ, Guitar
Intercessory Prayer**

Chris Erickson
Andrew Gretzinger

Weekly Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUN 12/12	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service
WED 12/15	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Women's Morning Bible Study (Hebrews) Women's Evening Bible Study (Hebrews)
THUR 12/16	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study (Hebrews)
SUN 12/19	9:20 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday School Worship Service

Serving the Lord

	12/12	12/19	12/26	1/2
AM Nursery	Yon Lindborg	Lorrie Martin	Kathleen Gretzinger	Jenni Gretzinger
Greeters	Alice Lindborg	Phyllis Sederberg	Arlene Lanenga	Lucy Hrivnak
Treats	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serve/Cleanup	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Audio	Ben Armstrong	Forrest Carleton	Joel Tummond	Josh Alderson
Elder of the Week	Andrew Gretzinger	Yon Lindborg	Andrew Gretzinger	Bruce Hrivnak
Deacon of the Week	Jason Lash	Jim Martin	Jason Lash	Jim Martin
Communion Prep	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yon Lindborg

Announcements

- **Christmas Poinsettia:** If you want to purchase a poinsettia in memory of someone this Christmas please sign up at the welcome desk.
- **Sunday School Refreshments:** Just a reminder that if you want to help provide treats for the time before Sunday school or help clean up after, you can sign up at the welcome desk.
- **Women's Cookie Exchange:** Please sign-up at the welcome desk if you plan to come (DEC 23). It is a great event to invite friends!
- **Winter is coming:** If you are not currently on our email list then please email info@goodshepherdpcanet.net and let us know. If there is inclement weather this is the easiest way of contacting our congregation.