

ADVENT | *The season of Advent, a season of waiting, is designed to cultivate our awareness of God's actions – past, present, and future. In Advent we hear the prophecies of the Messiah's coming as addressed to us – people who wait for the second coming. In Advent we heighten our anticipation for the ultimate fulfillment of all Old Testament promises, when the wolf will lie down with the lamb, death will be swallowed up, and every tear will be wiped away.*

prelude

SAMUEL MOORE

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

Canon in D – Pachelbel

What Child is This? – Traditional English Tune

Hark the Herald Angels Sing – Charles Wesley

preparing our hearts

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

– Psalm 103:10^{ESV}

** call to worship

Leader: Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

All: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

All: Peace on the earth among those with whom he is pleased!

– Based on Psalm 24:7-10 & Luke 2:14^{ESV}

Leader: They will call his name Immanuel.

All: Come, let us adore him.

** Please stand if you are able

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by; born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servants. For he who is mighty has done great things for us, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. Let us come before you, Gracious Father, according to the hope that is in Jesus Christ, the Son you sent for our sake, and in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

– Based on Luke 1:46-50

choral offering

Brightest and Best – arranged by Shawn Kirchner

The candle color for the third week of Advent is pink, or rose, representing joy or rejoicing. It reveals a shift in the season away from repentance and toward celebration. The third candle is named the Shepherd Candle or Candle of Joy.

The Readings | Jeremiah 23:5-6 and Isaiah 35:1-4_{ESV}

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

** hymn of praise

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood he would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth in our gladness.

Not in that poor lowly stable – with the oxen standing by –
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned, all in white shall be around.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”

– Isaiah 55:6-7 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL **

All: **O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict’ry o’er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Through [our Lord Jesus Christ] we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

– Romans 5:2_{ESV}

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**** hymn of gratitude**

THOU WHO WAST RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOR



Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's
Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's
Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sav - ior and



sake be - cam - est poor; thrones for a man - ger
sake be - cam - est man; stoop - ing so low, but
King, we wor - ship thee. Em - man - u - el, with -



didst sur - rend - der, sap - phire - paved courts for sta - ble
sin - ners rais - ing, heav'n - ward by thine e - ter - nal
in us dwell - ing, make us what thou wouldst have us



floor. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor,
plan. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing,
be. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing,



all for love's sake be - cam - est poor.
all for love's sake be - cam - est man.
Sav - ior and King, we wor - ship thee.

Words: Frank Houghton; Music: Quelle Est Cette Odeur Agreeable, French carol. Public Domain.

Leader: John 4:7-15
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,
**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

** passing the peace

Leader: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

While your preschool children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3–5.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

When instructed, greet those around you, saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.” When the music begins, please be seated and prepare yourself for the hearing of God’s Word.

Series | “Scandalous Grace”

Sermon | “Bathsheba”

December 15, 2019

From Matthew 1 ^{NIV} | 1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah... 3 Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar... 5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth... 6 David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah’s wife... 16 Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah... 17 Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 14-17, 26-27; 12:1-7 ^{ESV} | 1 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king’s house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. 3 And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, “Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?” 4 So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. 5 And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, “I am pregnant.”

14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die.” 16 And as Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant men. 17 And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite also died.

26 When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. 27 And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

12:1 And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had very many flocks and herds, 3 but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. 4 Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was

unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." 5 Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, 6 and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

7 Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.'

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

sermon notes

** affirmation of faith

Leader: Christian, do you believe and trust in God the Father, who because of his great love did send his only begotten Son to take on flesh in union with mankind?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who graciously represented mankind before the Father in perfect obedience and in perfect atonement, reconciling us to God?

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who mercifully breathes life into those dead in sin, that they might know the Father and believe the Son unto salvation.

All: **We believe and trust in him.**

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

All: **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,

All: (*singing Gloria Patri*)

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-

gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians — a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.

If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. During the celebration of communion, we will reflect during the passing of the bread and sing the printed hymn during the passing of the cup.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

– Matthew 26:26-29 ESV

Minister: Let us pray.

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But it is your right, O God, to give mercy to whom you please. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink of him, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood; that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

As the bread is distributed, examine your heart and reflect on the meaning of this supper, that you would take it in a worthy manner.

As the cup is distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

“Man of Sorrows” – what a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood;
Sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he.
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die; “It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heaven, exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing – Hallelujah! What a Savior!
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echo back their joyous strains. *

* *Chorus:*

Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.

Glo-ria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song? *

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *

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announcements

Please note the announcements found on Pages 17-20 of your bulletin.

**** benediction**

**** doxology**

**All: 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.**