

# Morning Worship

December 22, 2019

*Please mute cell phones and other electronic devices.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Quiet Preparation and Prayer

## Prelude

**Call to Worship** Revelation 4:8, 11  
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**Hymn of Praise** Trinity Hymnal No. 234

*Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

## Prayer of Invocation

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

“Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.” Proverbs 3:9-10

**Offertory** Edna Mae McCoy

## Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise Him, all creatures here below!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts!  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

## Confession of Faith

**Choir only:** It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Saviour of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

**Congregation Joins in:** The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fulness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

The Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter VIII - Sections 1&2

## Choir

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
17th Century French Carol, arr. by Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

## Scripture Reading

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

**2** And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

**3** And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

**4** but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

**5** Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. Isaiah 11:1-5

## Choir

*Advent Psalm*  
J. S. Bach (1685-1750), Tom Fettke (b. 1941), Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*  
Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), Noble Cain (1896-1977)

## Scripture Reading

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the Lord. **2** Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. **3** Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. **4** I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.

**5** “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. **6** In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”  
Jeremiah 23:1-6

## Commentary:

While no one knows Jesus' birth month, scriptural evidence would indicate it was most likely not during the winter. Tradition mingled with western culture has led to our winter celebration of the advent. Although Christ was not born during the snows of winter, this passage from Jeremiah describes a world that had grown cold to God and to His people. We can truthfully say that the world Christ entered into from the realms of glory was truly a dark, evil, dismal and cold one. It was a world that could figuratively and poetically be described as in bleak midwinter.

## Choir

*In the Bleak Midwinter*  
Text by Christina Rossetti (1872), arr. By Gustav Holst (1906)

## Heidelberg Catechism Questions 35-37

**Leader:** What do you confess when you say: He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?

**All:** The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took upon Himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Thus, He is also the true seed of David, and like His brothers in every respect, yet without sin.

**Leader:** What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

**All:** He is our Mediator, and with His innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.

**Leader:** What do you confess when you say that He suffered?

**All:** During all the time He lived on earth, but especially at the end, Christ bore in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. Thus, by His suffering, as the only atoning sacrifice, He has redeemed our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and obtained for us the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life.

## Choir

*Night of Silence/Silent Night vs. 1*  
Daniel Kantor (1984), Joseph Mohr (1792-1848), Franz Gruber (1787-1863)

**Pastoral Prayer** Matt White

**Reading of God's Word** Luke 1:26-35  
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**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord!  
**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** Rev. Todd Matocha

“The Holy Spirit and the Holy Child”

## Choir

*Be Born in Us*  
David S. Gaines & Ruth Elaine Schram (2003)

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Hearing assistance is available by asking one of the ushers.*  
All songs covered by or used under CCLI # 124789

Rev. Todd Matocha  
December 22, 2019

**Sermon Notes**  
The Holy Spirit and the Holy Child  
Luke 1:26-35

**Activities for the Week**

**Sunday December 22, 2019**  
9:00 a.m. Officers' Prayer Meeting  
9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School Fellowship Time  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School – All Ages  
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship\*.....Sanctuary  
**No Evening Service**  
**Tuesday, December 24, 2019**  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.....Sanctuary  
**Tuesday, December 24 – Thursday, December 26**  
**Office Closed**



\*Nursery Provided

**Volunteers**

|                        | <b>This Week, Dec. 22, 2019</b>  | <b>Next Week, Dec. 29, 2019</b>   |
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| <b>Infant Nursery</b>  | Shirley Swoope, Margo Allgood  | Marianne Field  |
| <b>Toddler Nursery</b> | Laurie Flora   | Meryl Fisackerly  |
| <b>Ushers</b>          | Roger Day, Gee Allgood,<br>Mike Meharg, Patrick Shipp,<br>Jon Watson, Ed White | Thomas Glenn, Roger Day,<br>Grover Allgood, Bill Laws,<br>Ben Woodson,<br>Stephen Matocha |

**Ruling Elders**

Gray Flora, Clerk of Session  
Allan Brewer  
Trip Hairston  
Ray Kilpatrick  
Matt White

Justin Harris  
Russ Russell  
Danny Williams

**Deacons**

Gee Allgood, Chairman  
Roger Day  
Jay Nail  
Patrick Shipp  
Jon Zarandona

Bill Laws  
Henry Pilkinton  
Ron Simpson

**Church Staff**

Todd Matocha Minister  
Pastoral Counseling Hours: Tuesdays 8-5, Wednesdays 8-12  
Please call the office to make an appointment.  
Diann Carter Office Administrator  
Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 8:00 – 4:30  
Ron Simpson Church Administrator  
Colleen Meek Children's Ministries Coordinator  
Hours: Tuesday – Friday 10:00 – 4:30  
(Depending on the Weekly Activities)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MISSIONARIES  
AND ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT**

**Through Faith Promise:** Bill Boggess, Larry Brown, Nell Chinchin, Dale & Susan Ellison, Elliott Everett, Clete Hux, Bob McPherson, Ministry to the Military International, Clarke Norton, Richard Pratt, Wiley Smith, Rekindle Children's Hope, Christina Thomas, Linda Wixon, Andy Young

**Through Tithes and Offerings:** Covenant Presbytery, Helping Hands, Life Choices Pregnancy Center, Mission to North America, Palmer Home for Children, PCA Christian Education and Publications, PCA Administration, PCA Mid-South Church Plant, Reformed Theological Seminary, RUF General Fund

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**No Evening Service**

The **Christmas Eve Service** will be held at 5:00 at Main Street.

**Year End Giving**...Remember the last Sunday for giving in 2019 will be December 29<sup>th</sup>. In order for year-end church contributions to be deducted on your 2019 tax return, they must be received at Main Street Presbyterian Church on or before Tuesday December 31, 2019. If you mail your contribution, the envelope must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2019. You may give electronically until midnight, December 31, 2019, on our church website ([www.mainstreetpres.org](http://www.mainstreetpres.org)) by clicking on the link "Online Giving". Please follow the guidelines laid out to ensure your contributions will be posted properly.

As we start a new year, we encourage you to prioritize regular Bible reading. To assist you we have several **Bible reading plans** available. They are located in the chapel area.

**Missions Committee Meeting**...The committee will meet on Tuesday, January 7, at 6 p.m. at Main Street. This will be a Missions Conference planning meeting.

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