

Order of Worship
DECEMBER 11, 2022

Meditation – 1 Peter 1:22

“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart....”

Song of Adoration - 1

Call to Worship – Psalm 24 *(Responsive Reading)*

L - The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

C - for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

L - Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

C - He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

L - He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

C - Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

L - Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

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

L - Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

ALL - Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Prayer of Adoration

Confession of Sin

Lord, You are our Shepherd, yet we still want. You promise us rest, but we refuse to be still. You are our Righteousness, but we look to our own works. You are with us, yet we still fear and do not trust your promises of protection. Lord, forgive us. Cause us to embrace your goodness and mercy that we may truly believe that You will be with us all the days of our life. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

(adapted from Psalm 23)

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the comforting words of Jesus for those who come to Him with their nothing: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Brothers and sisters, the pardon of Christ is a grace that is greater than all our sin. You are forgiven.

(adapted from Matthew 5:3)

Advent Wreath / Candle Lighting - Kessler Family

Songs of Worship - 2

Offering and Doxology

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Reader: "The Word of the Lord"

Congregation: "Thanks Be to God"

Welcome / Announcements

Children's Christmas Pageant

Dismissal of Children to Children's Church

Song of Preparation – 1

Sermon Text – Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Sermon – "With Purity Comes Blessing"

Song of Response – 1

Benediction