

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18th, 2022 | 10:30 am Worship Service

-WE GATHER TO PRAISE -

Let us now prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

§ Invites you to rise in body or spirit with the people of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

ELDER

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

PRELUDE

MAGNIFICAT NONI TONI, BUXWV 205

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

§ CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST

As fallen people, we must be called from our worship of the created and focus on the proper worship of the Creator.

ONE O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.

ALL Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God, my exceeding joy;
and I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God.

ONE Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

ALL Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God. Amen.
-based on Psalm 43:3-5, NRSV

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

LEFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES!

HYMN 77

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of Glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near,
the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just He comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to Thee; here Lord abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE If we look at our own lives,

ALL **we must confess the mixture of giving and selfishness,
our waiting on the Lord turned to an endless rush,
our missing the mark of Advent.**

ONE Lord, forgive our frantic ways and misplaced efforts.
But we can also trust in God,

ALL **who still brings us salvation,
who still supplies us strength,
who hears our songs of gratitude,
who accepts our joyful praise.**

ONE Let us all draw water from the wells of salvation.
Let us shout it in church and in town:

ALL **The Lord's great name will still be praised.
His saving deeds support our lives.
His greatness still astounds us.
The Holy One of Israel is among us.
Praise the Lord and sing for joy.**
-based on Isaiah 12

§ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

§ RESPONSE TO PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 614

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.

-WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS -

We bring our concerns, joys, and burdens to the Lord in prayer and give out of love and awe.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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;
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 & CHORAL ANTHEM

As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

THY KINGDOM COME

Thy kingdom come! On bended knee
the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
proclaim the day is near:

When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad;
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

§ RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

DOXOLOGY

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.

§ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

– WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD –

"CHRIST IS PROCLAIMED, AND IN THAT I REJOICE"

PHILIPPIANS 1:18

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

LUKE 1:26-33

LITURGIST

ONE THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.
ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALTER

PSALM 25B

The LORD is good and just;
the way He'll sinners show.
He guides the meek in what is just,
that they His path will know.
To those who keep his word,
His covenant obey,
the loving-kindness of the LORD
and truth will be their way.

My sinfulness is great,
and great, O LORD, my blame;
O pardon my iniquity,
to glorify Your name.
To him who fears the LORD

the path to choose is shown.
His soul will have prosperity;
the land his seed will own.

Close friendship with the LORD
will all who fear Him know;
the knowledge of His covenant
He unto them will show.
My eyes upon the LORD
continually are set;
for He it is that shall bring forth
my feet out of the net.

DISMISSAL FOR JR. CHURCH

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON SCRIPTURE

II SAMUEL 7

REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

SERMON

REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

§ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HEIDELBERG Q&A 35

Q. What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

A. That he is our Mediator, and that, in God's sight, he covers over with his innocence and perfect holiness the sinfulness in which I have been conceived.

– WE GO FORTH TO PROCLAIM –

"HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS!"
ROMANS 10:15

§ CLOSING HYMN

WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME

HYMN 73

While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

With power and glory, come,
with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

Come, Savior, quickly come;
come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.

§ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CANZONA 5

JOHANN KASPAR KERLL

Through the sermon we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow Him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the Gospel to others through our words and deeds.

A benediction is literally a "good word" or a blessing to carry with us as we leave our time of worship.

-SERMON NOTES -

- QUESTIONS TO PONDER -

WHAT STOOD OUT TO ME?

WHERE DID I SEE JESUS IN THIS SERMON?

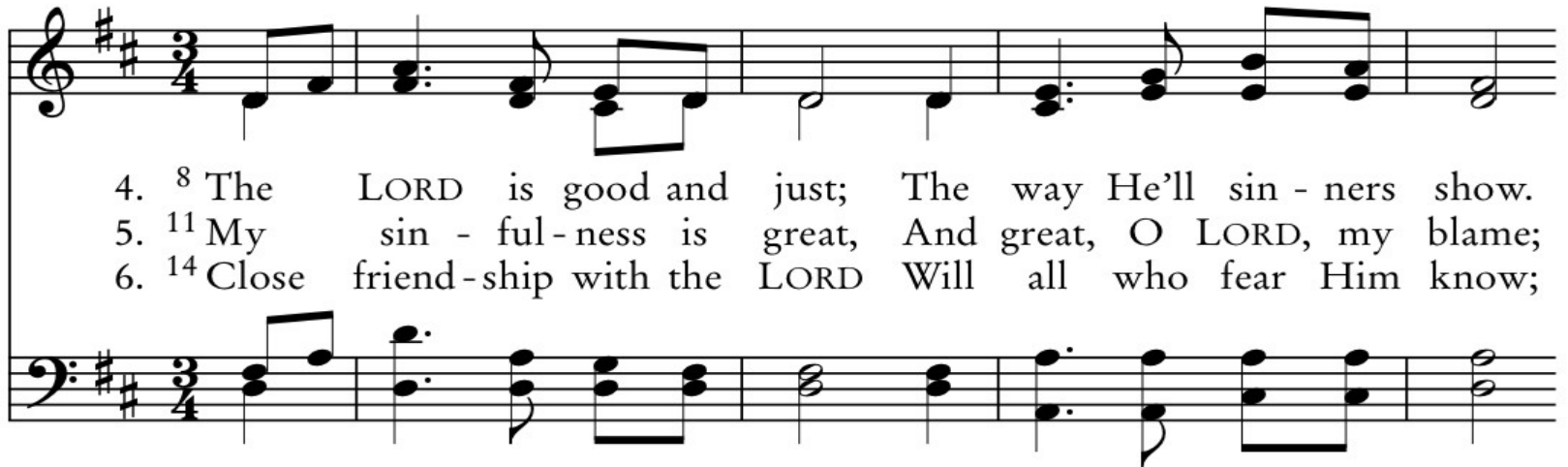
WHAT QUESTIONS/ THOUGHTS DO I HAVE?

25B

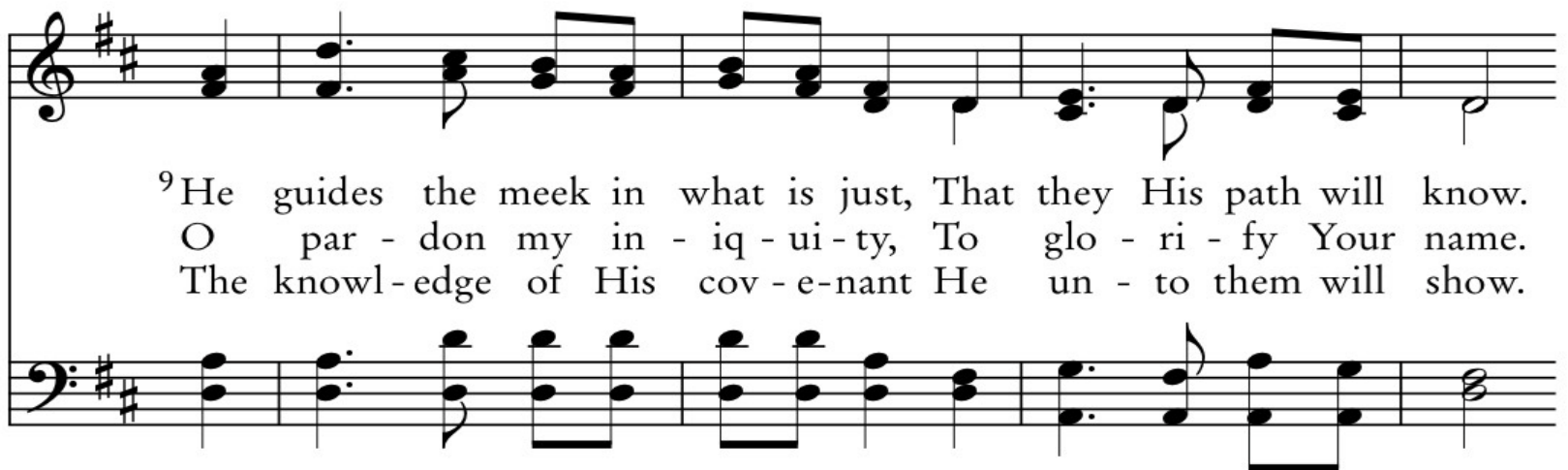
Psalms 25:8-15

The LORD Is Good and Just

*For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love.
—Hebrews 6:10*



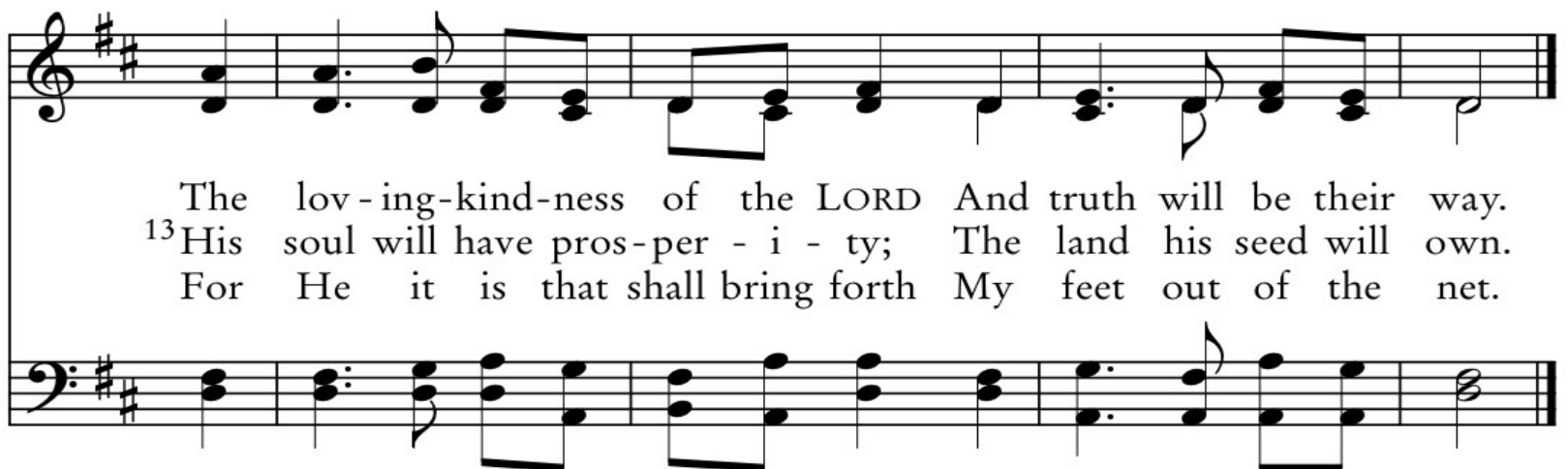
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5. ¹¹ My sin - ful - ness is great, And great, O LORD, my blame;
6. ¹⁴ Close friend - ship with the LORD Will all who fear Him know;



⁹ He guides the meek in what is just, That they His path will know.
O par - don my in - iq - ui - ty, To glo - ri - fy Your name.
The knowl - edge of His cov - e - nant He un - to them will show.



¹⁰ To those who keep His word, His cov - e - nant o - bey,
¹² To him who fears the LORD The path to choose is shown.
¹⁵ My eyes up - on the LORD Con - tin - ual - ly are set;



The lov - ing - kind - ness of the LORD And truth will be their way.
¹³ His soul will have pros - per - i - ty; The land his seed will own.
For He it is that shall bring forth My feet out of the net.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Wednesday Night Meal & Bible Study: We will not meet again until January, 2023.

Christmas Eve Service: Our Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00 p.m.

- PRAYER REQUESTS -

- Alberta Satter
- Becky Wertz
- Bill Leser
- Bill Liverett - recovery from knee surgery
- Chandler Brouwer - stationed in South Korea aboard the USS Ronald Reagan
- Clarellen Kelsay - in-home rehab
- Danny Nickelson - pancreatic cancer
- Eleanor Karr - healing for severe wound on leg
- Hugh Carter
- Jean Williams
- Letty Cherian - pancreatic cancer
- Rick Moss - chemo treatments
- Ron Kelsay
- Scott Vandenberg
- Sylvia Carrico -palliative care
- Zack Firks - urgent need for kidney
- Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer - Czech Republic

December Birthdays: Heather Dougherty - 1st; Jim Hendrix - 2nd; Violet Davidson and Emma Dicken - 4th; Mindy Shaw - 8th; Matt Jones - 10th; Olive Davidson - 14th; Paul Dicken & Tucker McIntire - 16th; Freya Sempsrott - 21st; Pat Mundorff - 24th; Mary Lue Walker - 25th; Vienna Sempsrott - 29th; Leslie Hash and Mike Wicker - 30th

Prelude - Magnificat Noni Toni, BuxWV 205
Dietrich Buxtehude
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Psalm 25B
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Postlude - Canzona 5
Johann Kaspar Kerll
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- DISCIPLESHIP READING -

Encountering God in your daily life is the best way to grow your relationship with our Redeemer. This reading plan from Table Talk magazine leads us through all the main genres of the Bible each week. Join us as we read through the majority of the Bible in a year.

<input type="checkbox"/>	SUNDAY	I Cor. 13-14	Epistles
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<input type="checkbox"/>	TUESDAY	I Sam. 21-25	History
<input type="checkbox"/>	WEDNESDAY	Ps. 42-44	Psalms
<input type="checkbox"/>	THURSDAY	Job 29-30	Poetry
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRIDAY	Jeremiah 12-16	Prophecy
<input type="checkbox"/>	SATURDAY	Mark 9-10	Gospel

Poinsettias have been purchased in memory of loved ones by:

Michele Burgess
Doug and Carla Demaree
Barb Dirks
John and Sandy Ditmars
Terry Doty (in memory of Jean Doty, and Don and Joann Hendricks)
Faris Family
Findley Family
Brent and Kathy Henderson
Tom and Cathy Johnson
Ron Kelsay
Howard Krapf
Bill Leser Family
Bill and Joyce Liverett
Mathena Family
Les and Linda Mink
Michelle Plummer
Stanley Poe Family
Amy Spencer
John and Tammy Spencer
Kathleen and Andy Spencer
Frank and Charlotte Weaver
Jean Williams
Cindy Williams
Steve and Polly Yount

- WEEKLY AT HOME LITURGY -

CALL TO WORSHIP

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."
-Revelation 4:9-11

PRAYER OF ADORATION

O all you works of the Lord, bless the Lord. *Praise him, and magnify him forever.* O you angels of the Lord, bless the Lord. *Praise him, and magnify him forever.* O you heavens, bless the Lord. *Praise him, and magnify him forever.* O you waters that are above the firmament, bless the Lord. *Praise him, and magnify him forever.* O all powers of the Lord, bless the Lord. *Praise him, and magnify him forever.* O you sun, and moon, bless the Lord. *Praise him, and magnify him forever.*
-Richard Baxter

READING OF THE LAW

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
-1 John 4:7-11

CONFESSION OF SINS

O merciful Father, regard not what we have done against you, but what our blessed Savior has done for us. Regard not what we have made ourselves; but what he is made unto us of you, our God. O that Christ may be to every one of our souls, wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption! That his precious blood may cleanse us from all our sins; and that your Holy Spirit may renew and sanctify our souls. May he crucify our flesh with its affections and lusts, and mortify all our members which are upon earth. O let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, that we should obey in the lusts thereof; but being made free from sin, let us be the servants of righteousness. Amen.
-John Wesley

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from his iniquities. -Psalm 130:7-8

PRAISE

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.
-Gloria Patri

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty, gracious Father, since our whole salvation depends on our true understanding of your holy Word, grant that our hearts - freed from worldly affairs - may hear and understand your holy Word with all diligence and faith, so that we may rightly discern your gracious will, cherish it, and live by it with all earnestness, to your praise and honor, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
-Martin Bucer

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daily Bible reading plan (see Discipleship Reading Plan)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

O Lord, come quickly and reign on your throne, for now often something rises up within me, and tries to take possession of your throne: pride, covetousness, uncleanness, and sloth want to be my kings, and then evil-speaking, anger, hatred, and the whole train of vices join with me in warring against myself, and try to reign over me. I resist them; I cry out against them, and say, "I have no other king than Christ." O King of peace, come and reign in me, for I will have no king but you! Amen.

-Bernard of Clairvaux

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by your name; your kingdom come; your 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.

WEEKLY CATECHISM

As a church body, we affirm the Westminster Confession of Faith. The confession, written in 1648, serves as the confessional anchor of Presbyterian doctrine and includes a catechism to teach the faith in churches. Each week we work our way through 3-5 questions from the Westminster Shorter Catechism to both learn and remind ourselves of the faith that we profess. Pastor Brandon would love to talk to you when difficult sections come up.

Q. 67. Which is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.

Q. 68. What is required in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others.

Q. 69. What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment forbiddeth the taking away of our own life, or the life of our neighbor, unjustly, or whatsoever tendeth thereunto.

Q. 70. Which is the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. 71. What is required in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

Q. 72. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“True Christians can disappoint God,
disobey God, offend God, and grieve God,
but they can never again be estranged from God.”

-R.C. Sproul

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