

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Third Sunday of Advent
December 11th, 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

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND,
BUXWV 211

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

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

§ CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST

ONE Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior,

ALL **and grant us your salvation.**

ONE Listen to what the Lord our God says:

ALL **He promises peace to his people,
who are his beloved saints.**

ONE The Lord will indeed give what is good.

ALL **Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.**

ONE May the Lord make his holy face to shine upon us
in this time of Advent worship.
May we see God's face and so know peace. Amen.
-based on Psalm 85:7-13, NIV

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

HYMN 72

vs. 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

(Chorus)
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

vs. 2 O Come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

vs. 4 O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
and drive away the shades of night,
and pierce the clouds and bring us light!

vs. 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
and be Thyself our King of Peace.

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
always with us, always coming:
we confess that we do not know
how to prepare for your Advent.
We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;
we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;
we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.
Forgive us, God.
Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,
the intelligent courage of the Magi,
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,
that we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find the good news of a child born for us.
Now, in the quiet of our hearts,
we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

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.

§ 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.

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 compas-
sion for the least
ones among us.

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

COMFORT, COMFORT YE, MY PEOPLE

Comfort, comfort ye, my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness,
bowed beneath their sorrow's load;

Of the peace that waits for them
speak ye to Jerusalem;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is crying
in the desert far and near,
bidding all men to repentance,
since the kingdom now is here.

O, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God away;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign;

For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that his word is never broken.

§ **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

I PETER 2:9-12

LITURGIST

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

PSALTER

PSALM 72B

Nomads will bow to him as king;
licking the dust, his foes will bend.
Islands and Tarshish gifts will bring,
Sheba and Seba tribute send.

So shall all kings before him fall,
all nations his commands obey.
He'll save the needy when they call,
those who are poor and have no aid.

He'll show the poor his sympathy,
and he will save the needy's life.
From fraud and force he'll set them free;
their blood is precious in his sight.

So he will live, and Sheba's gold

-SERMON NOTES -

- QUESTIONS TO PONDER -

WHAT STOOD OUT TO ME?

WHERE DID I SEE JESUS IN THIS SERMON?

WHAT QUESTIONS/ THOUGHTS DO I HAVE?

72B

Psalm 72:9-15

Nomads Will Bow

*The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.**—Revelation 5:5*

5. ⁹ No - mads will bow to him as king;
 6. ¹¹ So shall all kings be - fore him fall,
 7. ¹³ He'll show the poor his sym - pa - thy,
 8. ¹⁵ So he will live, and She - ba's gold

Lick - ing the dust, his foes will bend.
 All na - tions his com - mands o - bey.
 And he will save the need - y's life.
 They'll as a gift be - fore him lay;

¹⁰ Is - lands and Tar - shish gifts will bring,
¹² He'll save the need - y when they call,
¹⁴ From fraud and force he'll set them free;
 In con - stant prayer they'll him up - hold,

She - ba and Se - ba trib - ute send.
 Those who are poor and have no aid.
 Their blood is pre - cious in his sight.
 And they will bless him all the day.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Wednesday Night Meal & Bible Study: the meal begins at 6:00 p.m. and the Bible Study starts at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your appetite for food, fellowship, and the Word of God. Sign-up sheets for meal-teams and clean-up are available in the side sanctuary.

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

- PRAYER REQUESTS -

- Alberta Satter
- Becky Wertz
- Bill Leser - recovery from procedure
- 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
- Joann Esteb - recovery from stroke
- Keith Fox - recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Laura Johnson - recovery from surgery
- Letty Cherian - pancreatic cancer
- Rick Moss - chemo treatments
- Ron Kelsay - pneumonia
- Scott Vandenberg
- Sylvia Carrico -palliative care
- Zack Firks - urgent need for kidney
- Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer - Czech Republic

Praise: Eric Burton is in remission.

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

- 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. 11-12	Epistles
<input type="checkbox"/>	MONDAY	Exodus 1-4	The Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	TUESDAY	I Sam. 16-20	History
<input type="checkbox"/>	WEDNESDAY	Ps. 39-41	Psalms
<input type="checkbox"/>	THURSDAY	Job 27-28	Poetry
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRIDAY	Jeremiah 7-11	Prophecy
<input type="checkbox"/>	SATURDAY	Mark 7-8	Gospel

Prelude - Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211
Dietrich Buxtehude
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Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People
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Psalm 72B
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Postlude - Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 699
J. S. Bach
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- WEEKLY AT HOME LITURGY -

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

-Psalm 113:1-3

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We praise and glorify you our Lord and owner, for we and all things are your own. We praise and glorify you our king and ruler, for we are your subjects, and our perfect obedience is your due. Just are all your laws and judgment; true and sure is all your Word. We praise and glorify you, our great benefactor. In you we live, and move, and are: all that we are, or have, or can do, is wholly from you, the cause of all, and all is for you, for you are our end. Delightfully to love you is our greatest duty, and our only felicity, for you are love itself, and infinitely amiable. Amen.

-Richard Baxter

READING OF THE LAW

And God spoke all these words, saying,

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

-Exodus 20:12-17

CONFESSION OF SINS

Lord Jesus Christ, you carry the lost sheep back into the fold in your arms, and deign to hear the confession of the publican - graciously remit all my guilt and sin. Lord, you hear the penitent thief, you have set a heritage of mercy for your saints, and have not withheld pardon from the sinner - hear the prayers of your servants according to your mercy. Amen.

-Wilhelm Loehe

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.

-Romans 4:4-5

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

Grant, Almighty God, that as you shine on us by your Word, we may not be blind at midday, nor willfully seek darkness, and thus lull our minds asleep; but may we be roused daily by your words, and may we stir up ourselves more and more to fear your name and thus present ourselves and all our pursuits as a sacrifice to you, that you may peaceably rule, and perpetually dwell in us, until you gather us to your celestial habitation, where there is reserved for us eternal rest and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-John Calvin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daily Bible reading plan (see Discipleship Reading Plan)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of your servants toward the attainment of everlasting salvation - that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your most gracious and ready help; through Christ our Lord. Amen. *-Book of Common Prayer*

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. 62. What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, His challenging a special propriety in the seventh, His own example and His blessing the sabbath day.

Q. 63. Which is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Q. 64. What is required in the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment requireth the preserving the honor, and performing the duties, belonging to everyone in their several places and relations, as superiors, inferiors, or equals.

Q. 65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?

The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against, the honor and duty which belongeth to everyone in their several places and relations.

Q. 66. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is, a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“One drop of the sweetness of Heaven
is enough to take away all the sourness
and bitterness of all the afflictions in the world.”

-Jeremiah Burrough

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