

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4th, 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 The Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple;  
the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight.  
Behold, he is coming. Rejoice greatly! Shout in triumph!

ALL **Our King is coming; the righteous Savior,  
who shall speak peace to the nations.**

## § HYMN OF PRAISE

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

HYMN 82

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for with blessing in His hand,  
Christ, our God, to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the Body and the Blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own Self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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.

## § CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Christ,  
we confess our willingness to be loved

but also our reluctance to love.  
We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love  
but also our refusal to forgive.  
We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love  
but also our resistance to follow you without question.  
In this Advent time, forgive us our failure  
to respond as we should.  
Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you  
with joy, as the shepherds;  
with gratitude, as Simeon;  
with obedience, as Mary;  
with love, as you have loved us.  
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

**§ 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**

IS YOUR HEART PREPARED FOR A KING?    ROBERT LAU

In the quiet of the night,  
or in morning's early light,  
is your heart prepared for a King?  
Will you hear an angel sing?  
Will your own hosannas ring?  
Is your heart prepared for a King?

Wait! Watch!  
Pray for the One who brings hope to a wearied earth.  
Wait! Watch!  
Pray for the One who brings peace,  
who brings peace by His birth.

Can you see the shining star?

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.

Does it call you from afar?  
Is your heart prepared for a King?  
Is the babe of whom we sing  
born to be our God and King?  
Is your heart prepared, heart prepared,  
is your heart prepared for a King?

§ **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**

ROMANS 4:13-25

LITURGIST

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

**PSALTER**

PSALM 22B

My God, my God, to You I cry,  
O why have You forsaken me?  
Why are You far from giving help,  
and from my agonizing plea?  
All day, my God, I cry in vain;  
by night yet no relief I gain.

But still You are the Holy One;  
on Isr'el's praise You are enthroned.  
Our fathers put their trust in You;  
You saved them when to You they groaned.  
To You they cried, and rescue came;  
they trusted, and were free from shame.

Reproached of men, by all despised,  
a worm, and not a man, am I.  
All they that see me laugh in scorn;  
they shake their heads and taunting, cry:  
"He trusts the LORD! Let Him defend  
and save him, if He is his friend!"

You brought me safely from the womb,  
gave faith when on my mother's breast,  
since birth entrusted to Your care.  
You've been my God, in You I rest.  
Be not far off, for grief is near;  
no other helper will appear.

**DISMISSAL FOR JR. CHURCH**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON SCRIPTURE**

**GENESIS 15**

**REV. BRANDON JOLLEY**

**SERMON**

**REV. BRANDON JOLLEY**

**WE JOIN TO FEAST –**

**“BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE INVITED TO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.”  
REVELATION 19:9**

**HYMN OF PREPARTION**

**HERE WE WITNESS COVENANT SURETY**

**MUSIC ON PAGE 6**

Here we witness cov’nant surety  
in the baptized, Lord Divine.  
Here we witness true secur’ty  
and are strengthened by Thy sign.

Here we see our need of cleansing  
from our every stain and sin.  
Yet we, too, see Thou dispensing grace  
to wash us pure within.

Here we claim we are united  
to Thy cov’nant-keeping Son.  
And by faith we are delighted  
to receive what He has won.

Here we share with that same Savior  
in His death and rising, too.  
We were dead, but by Thy favor  
have been raised to life anew.

Here we pray our sons and daughters  
will be ever safe in Christ.  
For they’ve passed through judgment waters  
and have entered cov’nant life.

Here we ask this sacred blessing  
close at heart will always be.  
Hence may we lead lives professing  
we belong, O Lord, to Thee.

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ONE THE LORD BE WITH YOU**  
**ALL AND ALSO WITH YOU.**  
**ONE LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!**  
**ALL WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD!**  
**ONE LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD**  
**ALL IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.**

**WORDS OF INSITUATION**

**ONE TOGETHER LET US PROCLAIM THE MYSTERIES OF THE FAITH.**

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.

The Lord’s Supper is the culmination and high point of the worship service and is a reminder of the meal we will share in the New Creation. When we eat this meal we are taken up into heaven to feast with the saints and the Lamb.



ALL CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST HAS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

Elements are distributed from the front of the church and the side sanctuary. Please hold onto each element as we partake corporately.

## DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS & LORD'S SUPPER

### § AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HEIDELBERG Q&A 31

#### Q. Why is he called CHRIST, that is, the ANOINTED ONE?

- A. Because he is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our *chief Prophet and Teacher*, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be *our only High Priest*, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be *our eternal King*, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption he has won for us.

### – WE GO FORTH TO PROCLAIM –

“HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS!”

ROMANS 10:15

### § CLOSING HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME

HYMN 92

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness  
and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

### § BENEDICTION

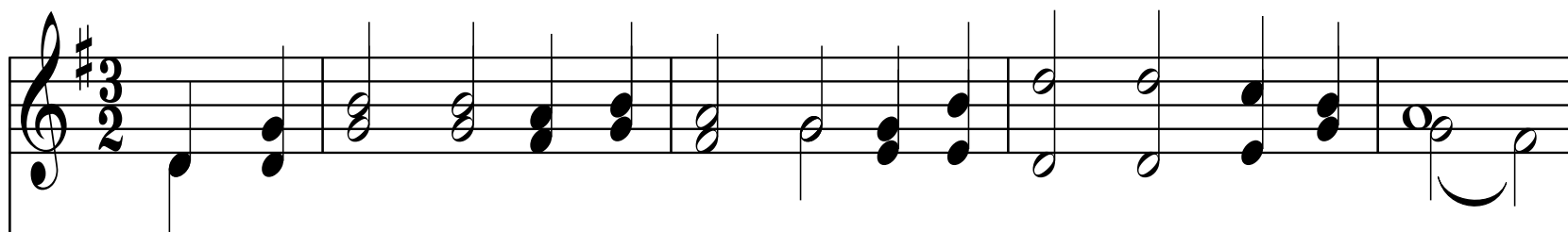
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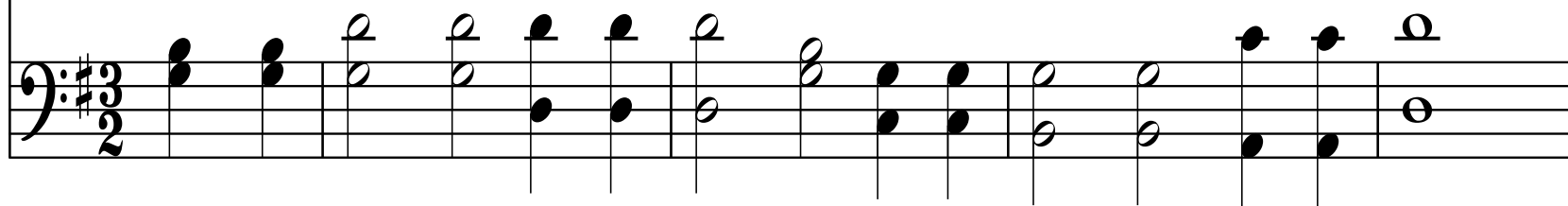
J. S. BACH

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

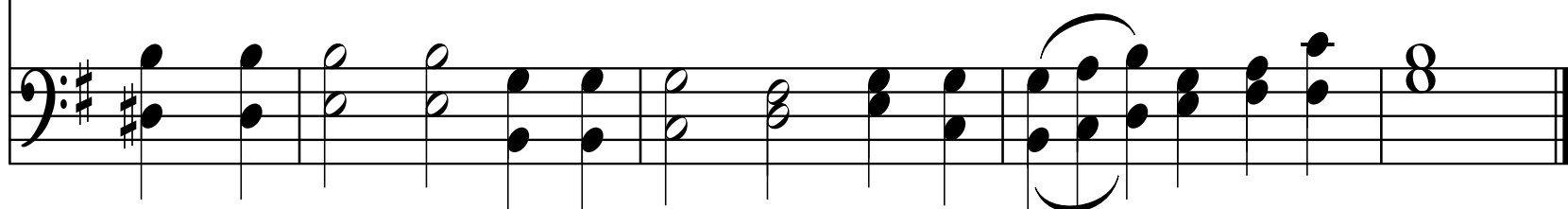
# Here We Witness Covenant Surety



1. Here we wit - ness cov-'nant sure - ty in the bap - tized, Lord Di - vine.
2. Here we see our need of cleans - ing from our eve - ry stain and sin.
3. Here we claim we are u - nit - ed to Thy cov - 'nant - keep - ing Son.
4. Here we share with that same Sav - ior in His death and ris - ing, too.



Here we wit - ness true se - cur - 'ty and are strength - ened by Thy sign.  
Yet we, too, see Thou dis - pens - ing grace to wash us pure with - in.  
And by faith we are de - light - ed to re - ceive what He has won.  
We were dead, but by Thy fa - vor have been raised to life a - new.



5. Here we pray our sons and daughters  
will be ever safe in Christ.  
For they've passed through judgment waters  
and have entered cov'nant life.

6. Here we ask this sacred blessing  
close at heart will always be.  
Hence may we lead lives professing  
we belong, O Lord, to Thee.

Jonathan Landry Cruse, 2015

FELICITY JO 8.7.8.7.  
Jared M. Salyards, 2018

## - 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.

**Penny Power:** Please bring in your change, dollars, and checks for Penny Power. We are shopping for sixteen children this year. The Penny Power jug is in front of the fireplace.

**Brunch with Santa:** The Deacons are hosting a "Brunch with Santa" on Saturday, December 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Trustee's Meeting:** The next Trustee's Meeting will be Sunday, January 8th, at 9:30 a.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
- Eric Burton - cancer treatments
- 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
- Randy Picek - recovery from heart procedure
- 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

**Sympthy:** Sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Ruby Fowler.

**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. 9-10	Epistles
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<input type="checkbox"/>	TUESDAY	I Sam. 11-15	History
<input type="checkbox"/>	WEDNESDAY	Ps. 36-38	Psalms
<input type="checkbox"/>	THURSDAY	Job 25-26	Poetry
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRIDAY	Jeremiah 1-6	Prophecy
<input type="checkbox"/>	SATURDAY	Mark 5-6	Gospel

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211*

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*Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?*

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Psalm 22B

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*Postlude - Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 699*

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- WEEKLY AT HOME LITURGY -

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

*I Peter 1:3-5*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION**

You, Lord, are patience, and pity, and sweetness, and love; therefore we sons of men are not consumed. You have exalted your mercy above all things, and have made our salvation, not our punishment, your glory; so that there, where sin abounded, not death, but grace superabounded. Accordingly, where we had sinned beyond any help in heaven or earth, then you said, "Lo, I come!" Then did the Lord of life, unable of himself to die, contrive to do it. He took flesh, he wept, he died; for his enemies he died; even for those that derided him then, and still despise him. Blessed Savior! Many waters could not quench your love, nor no pit overwhelm it. But, though the streams of your blood were coursing through darkness, grave, and hell, yet by these your conflicts, and seemingly hazards, did you arise triumphant, and therein made us victorious. Amen.

*-George Herbert*

**READING OF THE LAW**

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. . . You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. . . Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. . . Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. . . So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

*-Matthew 5:20, 48; 6:1, 33; 7:12*

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

I, poor sinner, confess myself before God Almighty, that I have gravely sinned by the transgression of his commandments; that I have done many things which I should have left undone, and I have left undone that which I should have done, through unbelief and distrust in God and weakness of love toward my fellow servants. God knows the guilt I have incurred, for which I am grieved. Be gracious to me, Lord. Be merciful to me, a poor sinner. Amen.

*-Diebold Schwarz*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

*Jeremiah 31:33-34*

**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

O heavenly Father, whose law is perfect, converting the soul; a sure testimony, giving wisdom to the unlearned, and enlightening the eyes - we humbly implore you through your boundless goodness, to enlighten our blind intellect by your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly understand and profess your law and live according to it. Since it has pleased you, most merciful Father, to reveal the mysteries of your will only to the little ones; and since you look to him alone who is of a humble and contrite spirit, who has reverence for your Word, grant us a humble spirit and keep us from all fleshly wisdom, which is enmity against you. Bring to the right way those who stray from the truth, so that we all may unanimously serve you in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our life. We ask this from you, most merciful Father, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*-Martin Micronius*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daily Bible reading plan (see Discipleship Reading Plan)

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Lord God, of might inconceivable, of glory incomprehensible, of mercy immeasurable, of goodness ineffable; O Master, look down upon us in your tender love, and show forth, toward us and those who pray with us, your rich mercies and compassions. Amen.

*-John Chrysostom*

## 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. 59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?
- A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.
- Q. 60. How is the sabbath to be sanctified?
- A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.
- Q. 61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?
- A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission, or careless performance, of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our worldly employments or recreations.

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“We lost a paradise by sin, and have gained a  
heaven by the cross.”

*-Stephen Charnock*

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