

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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Second Sunday of Advent
December 10th, 2023 | 10:30 am Worship Service

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

-WE GATHER TO PRAISE -

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

§ CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST

Hear God call you to worship through his Word.

It will be said on that day,
"Behold this is our God; we have waited for him that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation".

-based on Isaiah 25:9

§ 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. 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.

§ 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.

§ 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.

(Time for Silent, Individual Confession)

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 –

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

§ 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

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.

- WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD -

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ROMANS 4:13-25

LITURGIST

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

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

DISMISSAL FOR JR. CHURCH

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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.

SERMON SCRIPTURE

PSALM 130

REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

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 all his iniquities.

SERMON

REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

§ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Heidelberg Q&A 29

Q.29 Why is the Son of God called JESUS,
which means SAVIOR?

A. **Because he saves us from our sins,
and because salvation is to be sought
or found in no other.**

– WE GO FORTH TO PROCLAIM –

§ CLOSING HYMN ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

HYMN 83

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall:
With the poor and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him
Through his own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him: but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high,
Where like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

§ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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?

PSALM 130

THE WORD OF YOUR PROMISE

Father,
I am in so deep
in the depths of the dark,
so pressed down,
covered over,
long forgotten,
that sun
and sky
and light
and laughter
seem like nothing more
than a dim dream.

*The Word of
Your Promise - a
prayer based
on Psalm 130
from Endless
Grace - Prayers
Inspired by the
Psalms. Ryan
Smith & Dan
Wilt*

But could it be
that even here
my cries do not fall on deaf ears?
That even in this quiet grave,
You are - *somehow* -
with me?

If not for your mercy,
Your gracious forgetfulness,
I would have no ground for hope,
no expectation of deliverance.

You have proven yourself to be
Savior. Deliver.
Lifter of the weak.

I trust
that in your good timing
I will rise from this death.
That the promises You have spoken
will come to pass,
That this broken earth,
scarred by affliction,
will birth life
- sevenfold
a hundredfold.

I quiet my soul,
I breath in the Word of Your Promise.
I wait, I trust,
that the night
will yield to the dawn.

Is this not what You ask of us, Lord?
To hope,
in spite of unspeakable grief,
debilitating sorrow,
impenetrable darkness,
that somehow,
impossibly,
this broken world
will one day shake free
from the bonds of death?
That the former things
will pass away?

How? When?
To that unreasonable end -
that irrational redemption -
I lift my voice with the redeemed and say.
*"Come, Lord Jesus
Come soon"*
Amen.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School (classroom in the basement by the elevators)

10:15 a.m. - Preschool Class

11:00 a.m. - Jr. Church (dismissed during the Worship Service)

Wednesday Prayer - 10:00 am in Pastor Brandon's office.

Donuts with Santa! All kids (young and old) are invited to meet and enjoy donuts with Santa on Saturday, December 16th at 10:30 am at the church. Tell a friend, bring a friend!

Christmas Luncheon - The Board of Deacons invites ALL to a Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 17th following the worship service. The Deacons will provide Ham, Potatoes, Green Beans, and rolls. The congregation is asked to pitch in with salads and desserts.

Caroling! December 19th - Meet at the church at 5:30. We will visit a few friends and assisted living facilities and return to the church for pizza, hot chocolate and cookie decorating.

Penny Power Shopping is underway! We've been able to help 34 kids thanks to your incredible generosity.

Christmas Eve Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5:00 pm

- PRAYER REQUESTS -

- Tina Catt
- Elsie Tarsitano
- Eric Pasborg - heart
- Pat Mundorff
- Janet Salem - cancer, recovery from surgery
- Martha Myers - pancreatic cancer
- Robert Lehman I - cancer
- Roger Meyers - blood clots
- Israel - safety, those who are injured, families of victims, and those who are hostages
- Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer - Czech Republic

Homebound: Alberta Satter, Becky Wertz, Clarellen Kelsay, Hugh Carter, Jean Williams, Lester Burton, Mary Catt, and Norma Jean Fox

December Birthdays: Heather Dougherty - 1st; Jim Hendrix - 2nd; Violet Davidson - 4th; Mindy Shaw - 8th; Matt Jones - 10th; Charlee Spencer - 11th; Olive Davidson - 14th; Tucker McIntire - 16th; Jackie Graham - 17th; Freya Sempsrott - 21st; Holly Steimel - 22nd; Pat Mundorff - 24th; Mary Lue Walker - 25th; Vienna Sempsrott - 29th; Leslie Hash and Mike Wicker - 30th

Attendance: December 3rd - 102

- DISCIPLESHIP READING -

Encountering God in your daily life is the best way to grow your relationship with our Redeemer. This reading plan was customized using TheBibleTeam.com

<input type="checkbox"/>	MONDAY	John 16	Psalm 66
<input type="checkbox"/>	TUESDAY	John 17-18	Psalm 67
<input type="checkbox"/>	WEDNESDAY	John 19	Psalm 68
<input type="checkbox"/>	THURSDAY	John 20-21	Psalm 69
<input type="checkbox"/>	FRIDAY	Romans 1	Psalm 70

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. 45. Which is the first commandment?

A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Q. 46. What is required in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify Him accordingly.

Q. 47. What is forbidden in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to Him alone.

Q. 48. What are we specially taught by these words before me in the first commandment?

A. These words before me in the first commandment teach us, that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.

- WEEKLY AT HOME LITURGY -

CALL TO WORSHIP

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:8-9

PRAYER OF ADORATION

With what shall we come before you, O Lord? Or bow ourselves in your presence, O you Most High God? Cause us to come unto you in faith: mentioning no other name, pleading no other righteousness, and trusting in no other atonement than the name, righteousness, and atonement of your blessed Son and our adorable Mediator Jesus Christ. In him, we desire to be found; through him, we hope for favor with you, and acceptance in your sight. Blessed be your goodness for the mercies of the day, for the blessings of your providence, the comforts of your Spirit, and the privileges we enjoy. Amen.

-Augustus Toplady

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.

CONFESSION OF SINS

O Lord, as long as I am apart from you, I am self-satisfied, because I have no standard by which to measure my low stature. But when I come near to you, there for the first time I see myself. In your light I behold my darkness. In your purity I behold my corruption. My very first confession of sin is the fruit of holiness. Oh! Divine Man, let me gaze on you more and more until, in the vision of your brightness, I loathe the sight of my impurity; until, in the blaze of glory which human eye has not seen, I fall prostrate, blinded, broken, to rise again a new man in you. Amen

- George Matheson

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and with him is plentiful redemption.
And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

- Psalm 13:7-8

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, eternal and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path, open and illuminate our minds, that we may purely and perfectly understand your Word and that our lives may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in nothing we may be displeasing to your majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- H. Zwingli

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Daily Bible reading plan (see Discipleship Reading Plan)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

We beg you, Lord and Master, to be our help and aid. Save those among us who are in tribulation; have mercy on the lowly; lift up the fallen; show yourself unto the needy; heal the ungodly; convert the wanderers of your people; feed the hungry; release our prisoners; raise up the weak; comfort the faint-hearted. Let all the Gentiles know that you are God alone, and Jesus Christ is your Son, and we are your people and the sheep of your pasture. Amen.

- *Clement of Rome*

Further Petition

Personal

Church

World

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.

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

Waiting confronts us at the deepest level
that we are not in charge.”

-Paul David Tripp

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