

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christ the King Presbyterian Church

December 11, 2011

Christian Year: The Third Sunday of Advent

Preparation for Worship

...the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:9

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:28-29

O come, thou Rod of Jesse,
free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Latin Hymn

tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851

*Call to Worship

from Isaiah 9:2

The Rev. P. Clay Holland

Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined!**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn No. 196

HYFRYDOL

*Prayer of Adoration

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your church:
the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming
and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time.

Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us
from feeling the joy and hope that his presence will bestow,
for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 31

Minister: Why is Jesus called *Christ*, meaning "anointed"?

People: Because he is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body, has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; and also to be our eternal King, who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in that salvation he has purchased for us.

*Congregation stands

‡Congregation kneels

**Christ is Coming*

NEANDER

Hymn No. 324

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

John Trapp

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Shepherds Candle

The Moore Family

Lighting the Advent wreath originated in Germany, based on a Roman custom of the ceremonial entrance of a ruler to a province or city as his 'advent' (from the Latin adventus, meaning 'arrival'). One candle is lit the first Sunday of Advent, two are lit the second Sunday, etc. Each of the candles has special significance. The final candle, the Christ candle, is lit on Christmas Eve.

God, Be Merciful to Me

Psalm 51/Miner

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart.
Make me pure, thy grace bestow; wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just;
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

‡ Silent Confession

Clay Holland (9:30)
Blake Arnoult (11:00)

‡ Prayer of Confession

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin.
We forget our neighbor's needs
and do not love you above all else.
We need a Savior.
Make our hearts ready for Jesus' coming.
Come, Savior of the world. Amen.

***Hosanna in the Highest**

Quillo

Bright the stars o'er Beth-le - hem, Shin - ing in the dark est night.
Light the hearts of mor - tal - men Lead - ing them to last - ing light.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high est, in the high est.

Come to where the manger lay,
Mary with her child asleep,
Listening to the angels say,
"Here is born the glorious king."

Refrain:

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest, in the highest. *(repeat)*

Hear the shepherds with one voice,
"Hail the King of Israel!"
Tell the people to rejoice,
"Christ the Lord, Emmanuel" *(Refrain)*

***The Peace of God**

Leader: Our God has come to us. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

In the 9:30 service, children (four years old - 2nd grade) are dismissed for Children's Worship. Parents and guardians, please escort departing children into the Gathering Hall.

Announcements

The Offering

Christmastime
Kids' Choir

Smith

Scripture Reading

Zane Pramudji and Betsy Rasplicka

Isaiah 11:1-9

Page 575 in the black Bibles

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

"He Comes to Restore"
Behold, He Comes!

Clay Holland

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to (and are in good standing with) a church that embraces the Gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian, please consider spending this time in prayer using the prayers printed below.

Children who have not received their first communion should come forward with their hands folded and the wine server will pray for them.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.
We would be happy to serve you at your seat.

If you would like gluten-free communion bread, please request it from your server.
We serve wine during communion. If you prefer grape juice, please request it when served.

Communion Prayers

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in him and he in me. Amen.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Joe Deegan and John Trapp, duet

German carol

Here in This Place

Davis

Lay your burden down, every care you carry,
And come to the table of grace for there is mercy.
We come just as we are, though we're all unworthy.
To enter your presence, O Lord, for you are holy.

Refrain:

We lift our hearts, we lift our hands, we fall on our knees and pray
To the King of kings, for the love you bring is here in this place.
We raise our voices, raise our song, we offer you our praise.
You're the King of kings and the joy you bring is here,
You are here in this place.

Fill our lives with grace. Show us your forgiveness,
And give us the faith to believe that you've redeemed us.
You are Lord of all, and we give you glory,
All honor and power and praise for you are worthy. (*Refrain*)

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hymn No. 203

MENDELSSOHN

***Concluding Prayer**

Our God, you have given us the sure promise that Jesus will return
to judge the earth and set right what is wrong.

Make us ready, we pray, for his royal coming,
that we may be found faithful servants
waiting and working for our Master's return.
Grant in your mercy that many may be won for him before he comes,
and make us bold in our witness until that day.
In his name we pray. Amen.

***Benediction**

Romans 15:12-13

Minister: Isaiah says,
 "The root of Jesse shall come,
 the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
 in him the Gentiles shall hope."
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Serving in Worship today: Mark Austin, trumpet; Steve Begnoche, percussion; Cindy Cook, organ; Mark Miller, piano; Bill Shaw, guitar; Amy Wiggs, flute; Steven Wiggs, cello.

Christopher Jachmich and Emily Kuo, vocalists.

Cody Dick (9:30) and Byron Bevers (11:00), worship assistants.

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