

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 8, 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

PREPARATION, PROMISES, AND PRAISE

*(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Come Now, Savior of the Heathen" Bach

Call to Worship Rev. Don Hardman

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;

**People: Make known among the nations what he has done.**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

**People: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.**

-1 Chronicles 16:8-10

\*Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" No. 297

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Amen.**

-Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11 ESV

\*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, all of the prophets testify that everyone who believes in Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name. Believe, Receive, your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

- see Acts 10:43

\*Gloria Patri No. 579

*(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)*

Lighting of the Advent Candle Bryan & Camille Soukup

Children's Time Wendy Andree

\*Hymn of Preparation "As with Gladness Men of Old" No. 226

*(The congregation may come forward to place their 2<sup>nd</sup>-Meal offering in the container at the front of the Sanctuary)*

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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.

Anthem "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" by Gustav Holst

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" arr. Manz

\*"The Doxology" No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson: Rev. 19:16; Matthew 2:2

Prayer of Illumination page 1125

Sermon: "Looking for the Real Jesus - Jesus, Our King" Rev. Don Hardman

\*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" Page 845

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

\*Hymn "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" No. 310

Benediction

Postlude "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Is Calling" Nicolai/Bach

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\*The Congregation is asked to stand, as you are able.

**CALENDAR**

Today, 12/8 - Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am: Mission Info. Mtg., 11:45 am  
Monday, 12/9 - Church office closed on Mondays  
Tuesday, 12/10 - Women in Ministry Bible Study, 11:00 am; Women in Ministry Lunch, 12:00 om; Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm  
Wednesday, 12/11 - Worship Commission Mtg., 9:00 am; Youth Group & First Kids, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm  
Thursday, 12/12 - Mission & Outreach, 5:00 pm  
Friday, 12/13 - Prayer Mtg., 10:00 am

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**REMINDERS**

Elders: Al Soltis, Bill Gearhart  
**Sound System:** Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown  
**Greeters Ramp Room** (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Dec. 8 - Sue Brown; Dec. 15 - Charles Speck; Dec. 22 - Bob & Donna Broyles; Dec. 29 - Don & Wendy Andree  
**Greeters Narthex** (10:00-10:30): Dec. 8 - Andrea Guillard; Dec. 15 - Barry & Anne Webb; Dec. 22 - Kaye Ward; Dec. 29 - Ed & Debbie Bennett  
**Deacons on Duty:** Dec. 8 - Donna Broyles, Debbie Bennett; Dec. 15 - Wendy Andree, Alison Boozer; Dec. 22 - Marcia Ridenhour , Sheila Harms; Dec. 29 - Brenda Edwards, Marlene Flynn

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**PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:** - Pray you will find satisfaction in Christ. Psalm 37:4

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**PCC Food Needs** - December - Beef Stew

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*Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today’s service*

Pastor: Rev. Don Hardman  
Director of Music: Rev. Keith Olivier  
Director of Christian Education: Mr. Pete G. Guillard  
Organist: Mr. William Turner  
Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose

It is time to begin considering this summer’s mission trip.  
With the devastation of Ashville and the surrounding areas from hurricane Helene, there is a desire to focus our help there. With that location in mind, I would like to have an informational meeting, , following this mornings service in the parlor. I will share with you what information I have, and we will talk about dates that will work into our schedule for the trip.  
This trip is open to anyone within the congregation from 9th grade up.