



Welcome to Worship

Sunday, November 27, 2022

9:00 and 11:10 a.m.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"People Look East"

arr. Dale Wood

As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

SILENT MEDITATION

Advent, the four-week period that leads up to Christmas, is a series of events designed not to delay the celebration of Christmas, but to enhance it. It's a kind of delayed gratification that culminates in a ... satisfaction that is all the richer for the waiting. - Joan Chittister, *Listen with the Heart*



FIRST SUNDAY OF
Advent

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

The Fullers (Valerie, James, Avery, Maren, and Emmie, (9:00)
The Stalnakers (Scott, Amanda, Brynn, Korbin, and Ada), (11:10)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Light the Candle"

Carl Schalk

Light the can-dle of HOPE to-day, the Giv-er of hope is here! _____ Welcome the hope we long and wait for, but

on - ly Christ can give. _____ Flick-er and flame and glow with hope, light up the world a-round you.

Flick-er and flame and glow with hope, light up the world a - round _____ you.

ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice cries out: "Prepare for God's arrival!"

Make the road straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God.

Fill in the valleys, level off the hills, smooth out the ruts, clear out the rocks.

For our God is coming! Let us worship God together!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*ADVENT HYMN #82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

(*Please stand if you are able)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

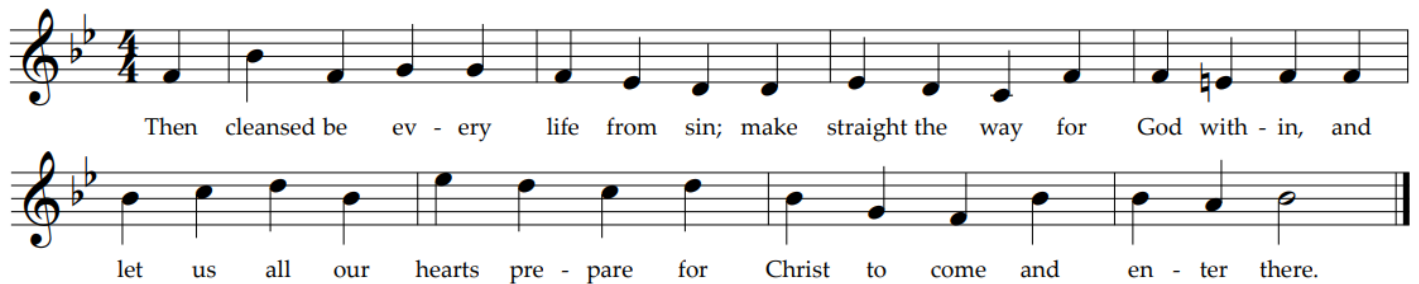
Merciful God, we pray today awaiting the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we look carefully at our lives, we realize that we live with broken relationships. We sometimes harbor ill thoughts toward our friends and neighbors. God, forgive us and help us prepare for the coming of the Lord with our hearts and minds. Through your renewal, we can heal one another and our world.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON (#96)

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

WINCHESTER NEW



Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make straight the way for God with - in, and
let us all our hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#583)

"Glory to God"

GLORIA (Taizé)



Glo-ri-a, glo - ri-a, in excel - sis De - o! Glo - ri-a, glo - ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 2: 1-5

page 550 of the pew Bible

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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; 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

"What Child Is This?" (9:00)

Traditional English

"Christus Paradox" (11:10)

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24: 36-44

page 806 of the pew Bible

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Always Right On Time"

Dr. Zieman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

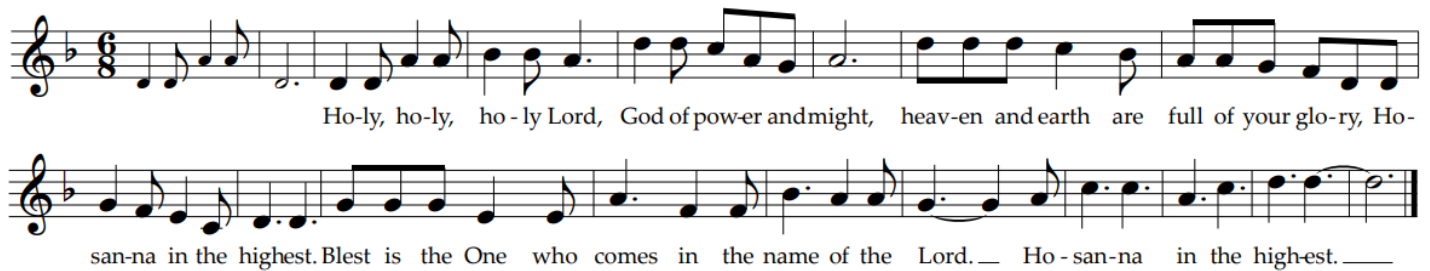
The Confession of 1967, 9.15

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

*SANCTUS (#569)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SANCTUS (Oliver)



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the highest. Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho-san-na in the high-est. —

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (9:00)

arr. B.C. Dockery

"He Comes to Us As One Unknown" (11:10)

arr. John Ferguson

*DOXOLOGY (#607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, we come before you with this offering, and the offering of our lives. Your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*ADVENT HYMN #105

"People Look East"

BESANCON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE (#92)**

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

WAITING (Cason)

While we are wait - ing, come; while we are wait - ing, come.
 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come; come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, While we are wait - ing, come.

POSTLUDE

“From Heaven Above I Come to You”

J.S. Bach

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Music	9:00	Camille Hinz, cello; Kristi Treu, piano; Annette White, organ	
	11:10	Alleluia Singers; Kristi Treu, director; Annette White, organ	
Childcare Ministry		Kari Murry, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher	
Ushers	9:00	Darold Bauer, Mimi Bauer, Mike Shannon, Sherryl Shannon	
	11:10	Dennis Boesen, Amy Boesen, Bidong Tot, Alta Empkey	
Greeters	9:00	North Door: Jackie Youngstrom	Circle Drive Door: Bidong Tot
	11:10	North Door: Nancy Koehler	Circle Drive Door: Inga Wagner
Information Center	9:00	Sue Meusey	11:10 Kris Goodman
Coffee Host	Kim Banat		

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For your convenience during worship: Bibles, hymnals, and sign-in books are in the pews. Blue envelopes are provided for the offering, and white prayer request cards are also provided. Prayer requests are confidential.



Announcements

For the week of November 27, 2022

The Week Briefly

Sunday, November 27 – Advent Begins

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary
- 12:00 New Member Class
- 1:00 Resound Rehearsal
- 8:00 College Bible Study on Zoom

Monday, November 28

- 9:00 & 11:00 Music & Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:30 Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 29

- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 2:00 Active Minds

Wednesday, November 30

- 5:30 Chamber Singers
- 6:00 Children's Pageant Rehearsal
- 6:30 Alleluia

Thursday, December 1

- 9:00 PW Morning Circle
- 9:00 & 11:00 Music & Movement
- 6:00 Adult Bells

Saturday, December 3

- 8:00 B&G Meeting
- 10:00 Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 4

- 9:00 Worship in Sanctuary & Livestream
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:10 Worship in Sanctuary
- 1:00 Resound Rehearsal
- 5:00 Children's Pageant
- 6:00 Advent Dinner
- 8:00 College Bible Study on Zoom

Joys and Concerns

The flowers for today's service were provided by Kathy & Craig Moore in honor of 56 years of marriage.

New Member Class Today. Join us in Room 15 after late service. A light lunch will be provided.

No Tuesday Bible Studies on November 29. We will meet for two final classes on December 6 and 13 as we prepare for Christmas by studying Luke 1 to learn about the parents of John the Baptist, Elizabeth and Zechariah. Bring your own Bible. Then, we will break until January 17, 2023.

Nominate an Officer Today! In the Presbyterian Church, we have the privilege and responsibility of nominating and electing our own congregational leaders. Now is the time to nominate a new class of Elders and Deacons. Your input is both appreciated and necessary! Forms are available online, in the Church Office, and at the Information Desk. The deadline is December 18. Questions? Contact a member of the church nominating committee: Brad Gibson, Jim Chapin, Anna Sumner, Earlene Uhrig, Jeff Boyum, and Pam Otto.

Tai Chi Updates. Tai Chi will not meet on Dec. 1 and 5.

Greenery Orders. If you ordered wreaths or centerpieces from the SHF Fundraiser, our delivery has been delayed. Please pick up your item(s) in Fellowship Hall after early service or after late service on December 4.

Presbyterian Women Morning Circle on December 1. Join the discussion on Lesson 4, Sabbath and Surrender lead by Charlene Weyand at our Presbyterian Women's

Circle on Thursday, December 1 at 9:00 am in Room 15. Direct any questions to Cindy Nisley.

Light the Advent Candles. We need families to light the Advent candles and read the Call to Worship during the service. Please sign up at the Information Desk.





Advent Dinner Is Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m. Sorry, sign up for the dinner ended on November 23. If you signed up, please remember to bring a dessert to share. Pre-cut bars, cupcakes, or cookies only. No cakes or pies this year, please. Bring your dessert to the kitchen on Sunday morning or before the pageant begins.

49ers on December 6. Our December speaker will be a SURPRISE GUEST FROM THE NORTH POLE. You won't want to miss this!!! Join us for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place) in the Garden Room. Everyone is welcome, whether you are 49, younger, or older, come join us! We will order from a special menu. For reservations or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Sign up at Information Center.

Sign Up for the "Tables for Eight" - Winter Session 2023. The deadline for registration for the winter session (January, February, March, and April) is December 10. New "Regular" participants (couples or singles) are definitely welcome to join this fellowship opportunity. New "Substitutes" are welcome as well. Questions and answers about "Tables for Eight" are on the registration form, and the form is available at the Information Desk or on the church website. Please return registration forms to the Information Desk on or before December 10. Questions: Contact Pam Otto.



A Hope-Filled Christmas for HHM. It's time to think about making Christmas happier for Heartland Hope Mission (HHM) families. The Angel Tree is in the Narthex. Just choose an angel from the tree, shop, and return your unwrapped gift to the church by December 11. Want to do more? You can also adopt a family, shop online, or donate funds to support HHM's Christmas efforts. Find details on the church website. Also, remember the food and hygiene item needs for the HHM pantry.

Mission Giving Tree in Lobby. Our beautiful wooden giving tree is set up in the Lobby outside the Church Office. Donations this year will go to the following PCOC mission partners: Omaha Street School, Russian Mission Partnership, and Siena Francis House. Envelopes are available by the tree. Just check your donation choice, enclose your check, and leave the envelope in the basket. All checks should be made out to Presbyterian Church of the Cross.



An A Cappella Christmas with Calmus Vocal Ensemble. Don't miss this extraordinary group, known as one of the world's premiere a cappella vocal groups. Coming to us from Leipzig, Germany, Calmus will perform a concert of Advent and Christmas music in our beautifully decorated sanctuary on Thursday evening, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. Invite a friend and be part of a truly memorable evening.

Come One, Come all, to Friday Night Gourmets' Hearty Hors d'oeuvre Christmas Party! Join us on Friday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Tim and Kris Goodman's Home, 17206 Fairway Drive, in the Tiburon South Subdivision. Please bring either a dessert or appetizer and the beverage of your choice! We will provide wassail and a signature cocktail. It will be a fun and festive occasion. Questions? Call Kris at Goodman or AJ & Judy Sundberg. Please sign up at the Information Center in the Narthex.

Quiet Christmas on December 11. The holidays can be difficult. Our Quiet Christmas service is a time to acknowledge what we are missing amidst the bustle of the season. The service will include scripture and softer seasonal music to create a time for God to find us as we search for peace, love, and joy.



Presbyterian Men Volunteers Needed to Ring Bells for the Salvation Army. Enthusiastic volunteers are needed to ring bells for the Salvation Army's Christmas campaign on Saturday, December 17, at Hy-Vee on 132nd and Dodge. Each volunteer will ring during 1-hour shifts starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. (2 people at the east and west doors/shift). Volunteers should check in with one of the PM Board Members about 5 minutes before the start of your shift. This is an easy and enjoyable opportunity to assist the Salvation Army in helping those among us in need during the Christmas season. Please sign-up at the Information Desk by Sunday, December 11. Thanks to Jim Chapin for coordinating this activity.



Annual Advent Worship Service with Choir & Guest Musicians on December 18.

Alleluia and Chamber Singers, along with Resound Vocal Ensemble and professional brass ensemble and percussion, will provide music for both of our worship services on Sunday, December 18. They will present John Rutter's exciting setting of the "Gloria," arrangements of beloved old and new Christmas carols, songs, and congregational hymns. It's a perfect opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor, or colleague to join you. **The Congregational Life Committee invites you to bring treats to share at Coffee Fellowship that day. Please have items already cut and ready to serve.**

Book Group on Wednesday, December 21. PCOC Book Group will meet Wednesday December 21, 5:15 – 6:30, to discuss *Payne Hollow, Life on the Fringe of Society* by Harlan Hubbard. PLEASE NOTE: We will NOT be meeting at church as we usually do. We will meet at the Fettig's residence. Closer to the meeting date, June will send an email to the Book Group with specific directions regarding getting to her residence. All readers are welcome!

Thank you for the wonderful "Surprise Birthday Celebration" between services this past month. My family changed the clocks forward one hour so I thought I was attending the 11:10 service but instead, I was greeted by my church family with birthday hugs and wishes. I received over 100 beautiful birthday cards and they are still arriving. This 99th birthday was certainly a special one.



Peace, Faith, and Love from Betty Mack and family

Stewardship Update

77% of pledge cards have been returned, and we are 94% of the way to next year's budget goal financially. I encourage everyone to do their best to complete and return their financial giving commitment for next year to my office.

Rock Sumner, Business Administrator



Please consider joining an Usher Team! Ushers serve at one service, one Sunday every month. We have openings on the 3rd Sunday at 11:10, 4th Sunday at both services, and 5th Sunday (in Oct., Jan., and April – at both services). Sign up online. Contact Jayne Frederickson with questions.

Sign Up for Education in the New Year!

Stories for Life in God's World: A Study of Parables - Led by Kirk Ryckman

Wednesdays, January 11 – March 15 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Room 15

Using a study from the Kerygma Bible Study Series, Kirk Ryckman will lead a class on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. during Cornerstone. Together we will study these timeless stories that speak to our faith and influence the decisions we make while discovering what makes a parable unique. We hope to grow in our appreciation of how Jesus used these short and seemingly simple stories to express the heart of the good news he brought. Register online!

The Ten Commandments - Past, Present, and Future - Led by Pastor Christine

Sundays, January 29 – February 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 15

The Ten Commandments are foundational to our faith and to God's story. It's the "setting in stone" of God's expectations for humanity. Yet, the law has had different emphases in the Christian tradition over the years. In this class, we will analyze the Ten Commandments from several different lenses from Biblical scholarship to history to contemporary culture. There is no book, but Pastor Christine will provide some readings for you throughout the study.

Drug Education Class for Parents and Children

Wednesday, January 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Join members of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Omaha Division Wednesday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m., as they provide an overview on the latest drug threats facing the country and more specifically what's being seen in Nebraska. The presentation for adults will focus on the methods used by drug trafficking networks to move illicit drugs into and across the country while both growing a consumer base and aiding in a nation-high overdose death record. Students will be broken into groups by grade and given age-appropriate presentations on drug education and awareness. Students and adults will have time to ask questions at the end of their presentations. Sign up online. For more information about the class, contact DEA Public Information Officer Emily Murray at Emily.A.Murray@dea.gov.

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