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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

December 9, 2018

The Second Sunday in Advent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Fugue on “Veni, veni Emmanuel” Gaël Liardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 13 Prepare the Way, O Zion Bereden Vag For Herran

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Merciful God, you 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 forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Lighting the Second Candle in the Advent Wreath

Becky Stirling, Suzan and Steve Hyatt, Zöe, Ella, and Aidan Gough.

At the conclusion of the candle lighting service, choir and congregation stand to sing:

O come, Desire of na- tions, bind All peoples in one heart and mind;

Bid envy, strife and dis- cord cease, Fill the whole world with heav- en’s peace.

Rejoice; rejoice. Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Is- rael.

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing collection and come to the Chrismon Tree for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 126

Unison

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongues with shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,

like the watercourses of the Negev.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing seed for sowing,

shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Anthem

Born To Set Us Free

Jay Althouse, 1996

On a dark night filled with wonder all the world awaited His birth. And the wise men came to greet Him, the Lord of all the earth. Come, O come, Emmanuel; ransom captive Israel.

God's own son for all to see, born to set us free. And there was within the heavens a star to guide the way, for the shepherds and the wise men to a manger bed of hay.

Epistle

Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

The congregation sits.

Sermon

Pay Attention

Mike Krech

“The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?”

Malachi 3:1b-2

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 5

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria in Excelsis

Refrain of Hymn 23

Gloria

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Come, Thou long expected Jesus

arr. Raymond H. Haan

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

The elders serve worshippers at their places.

You may receive the bread and cup when you are spiritually prepared.

All Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

Organ During Communion:

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry (Winchester New) arr. Pietro Cattaneo

Fuguetta on "Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele"

Gaël Liardon

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Unison

God, for whom we wait:

In this meal you give us a foretaste of that day

when the hungry will be fed with good things.

Send us forth to make known your deeds of mercy

and let us be agents of hope, proclaiming the greatness of your name,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Recessional Hymn 11 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

Postlude

Lift Up Your Heads

David Paxton

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today we continue the season of **Advent**, the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Signs of the season include: **purple** paraments, purple being the color of preparation and royalty; the **Advent wreath**, with four candles marking the four Sundays of the season, the **Chrismon tree**, decorated with Christ Monograms, symbols of Christ, his birth and his rule, the singing of a stanza of **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**, following the advent wreath service the **Gloria in Excelsis** from the refrain of Hymn 23, Angels We Have Heard on High. (JMK)