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Grace Presbyterian Church

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

December 4, 2022

The Second Sunday in Advent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Lord Christ, When First (Mit Freuden Zart) arr. David Paxton

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Hyfrydol

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 Candles in the Advent Wreath Jim and Jessie Carter

At the conclusion of the candle lighting service, all stand to sing:

O come, O come, Thou *Lord* of might, Who to thy tribes on *Si-nai's* height

In ancient times didst *give* the law, In cloud and majes-ty and awe.

Rejoice; rejoice. Emmanuel shall come to thee, O *Israel*.

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the Chrismon tree for a
Time for Young Christians

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 48 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Es Ist Ein' Ros'

The congregation sits.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7,18-19

Unison

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people
and the hills, their righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures,

and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish

and peace about until the moon is no more.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever;

may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Anthem

Advent Alleluia

Douglas E. Wagner

(Quoting the Pachelbel Canon and Hyfrydol)

Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 10 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry Winchester New

The congregation sits.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

Bearing Good Fruit

Mike Krech

"... every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

Matthew 3:10b

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 The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came/To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

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

As directed by an usher, form a single line in the center aisle to receive the bread and consume it there, then move to an elder to receive the cup and drink from it there; then place empty cup in the basket.

Please give the person in front of you adequate time for a reverent Communion.

If you prefer, you may receive only the bread or only the cup.

The pastor and an elder will serve any who cannot come forward; please indicate by an uplifted hand.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

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

Hymn 12 People, Look East Besancon

Worshippers are encouraged to be seated for the postlude,

or you may depart the sanctuary quietly now if you need to.

Postlude Masters in This Hall

arr. Lani Smith

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the world Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule within our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1744;

Tune: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming, By faithful prophets sung.
It came a floweret bright, Amid the cold of winter When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright She bore for us a Savior, When half spent was the night.

Text: German carol, 15th century; Trans. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)

Alt. *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Tune: ES IST EIN' ROS'; *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, Cologne, 1599;

Arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.

We hail You as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge, and our great reward;
O let Your face upon us shine And fill the world with love divine.

All praise to You, eternal Son, Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1736; Trans. John Chandler, 1837; alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW; *Musickalisches Handbuch*, 1690;

Harm. William Henry Monk, 1847; alt.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth From the realms of endless day,
That the power of hell may vanish As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High.

Text: From Liturgy of St. James, 4th century; Trans. Gerard Moultrie, 1864;
Tune: PICARDY; French carol; Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

People, Look East

People, look east, The time is near Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad, Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.

Birds, thought you long have ceased to build, Guard the next that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928; As in *Oxford Book of Carols*, 1964;
Tune: BESANCON; French folk melody; Harm. Martin Shaw (1875-1958)