

### CHURCH SESSION

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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

## Grace Presbyterian Church

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

December 15, 2019

The Third Sunday in Advent

### The Bell Calls Us to Worship

#### Prelude

Joyful Worship arr. Paul Curnow  
Joy to the World/Angels from the Realms of Glory  
Eddie Byrd, Piano; Rickie Cooke, Euphonium; Bob Vawter, Trombone

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**.)  
Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son.  
Grant us the wisdom to see your purposes and openness to hear your will, that we also  
may prepare the way for Christ, who is coming in power and glory to establish his  
kingdom of peace; through Jesus Christ our Judge and Redeemer; who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

**Lighting the Third Candle in the Advent Wreath** Al and Susie Hayes

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

**O come, Thou Key of *Da*-vid, come, And open wide our *heav'n*-ly home;  
Make safe the way that *leads* on high, And close the path to *mis*-ery.  
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 offering and come to the Chrismon Tree for a  
**Time for Young Christians**

## Prayer for Illumination

### Old Testament

Isaiah 35:1-10

### Psalm 146:5-10

Unison

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers;

upholding the orphan and the widow,

but bringing to ruin the way of the wicked.

The Lord will reign forever; your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

**Anthem** When Christmas Morn Is Dawning Traditional German tune

When Christmas morn is dawning, in faith I would repair unto the lowly manger; my Savior lieth there. How kind, O loving Savior, to come from heaven above; from sin and evil save us and keep us in thy love. We need thee, blessed Jesus, our dearest friend thou art; forbid that we by sinning should grieve thy loving heart. (-- Elizabeth Ehrenborg-Posse; arr. Douglas E. Wagner, 1986)

### Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 10** On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Winchester New

The congregation sits.

### Epistle

James 5:7-10

**Sermon** Take the Prophets, Please

Mike Krech

"Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. ... As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord." James 5:7a,10

The congregation stands to sing

**Hymn 48** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Es Ist Ein' Ros'

**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** For Unto Us a Child Is Born G.F. Handel, arr. Bill Wolaver

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.

### Hymn 5

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Picardy

### 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 13** Prepare the Way

Bereden Vag For Herran

**Postlude**

How Great Our Joy

Traditional; arr. Bill Wolaver

Welcome to worship at **Grace Presbyterian Church.**

Today we continue the season of **Advent**, the four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

Some signs of the season in the sanctuary and in worship include the **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 candle lighting service and singing the

**Gloria in Excelsis** from the familiar refrain of Hymn 23, Angels We Have Heard on High.