
ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSICAL PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS HOLY PRESENCE *(Please stand)*

Minister: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

Congregation: Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

Minister: The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

Congregation: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the streams in the Negeb!

Minister: Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

Congregation: He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

~ Psalm 126

HYMN “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!” #198

Prayer of Adoration: Jim Robinson, Ruling Elder

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

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

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!

GOD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST *(Please be seated)*

Leader: Let us hear the exhortation of the Word of God regarding the righteous character of our new lives in Christ:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:1-2**

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, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. 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. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Amen. (From Psalm 51:1-12)

Leader: Please take a moment to privately commune with our Lord.

Minister: People of God, lift up your heads and stand with me to hear the good news of our salvation: *(Please stand)*

Colossians 1:19-22 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.

Minister: Our sins are forgiven through the atoning work of Christ Jesus our Lord, the Lamb of God!

Congregation: Praise be to God!

HYMN “Fullness Of Grace” (see insert)

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (846)

GOD INSTRUCTS US

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-11 (page 789)

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:46-55 (page 1088)

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (page 1258)

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

Congregation: But the word of our God stands forever!

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Leader: People of God, what is our prayer for these children?

People: May the Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you!

Leader: May the Word of the Lord grow in your hearts.

Children: Thanks be to God.

People : Go in peace.

Sermon: “He Who Calls You is Faithful”
~ Pastor Dwight Dolby

GOD RECEIVES OUR PRAISE AND SEALS US IN CHRIST

HYMN “All My Heart This Night Rejoices” #217

Prayers of God’s People/Tithes and Offerings / Doxology

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right for us to give thanks.

Minister: It is truly fitting, and right, and our joyful duty, to at all times and in all places give thanks to the Lord our God. And so now, in the company of angels, archangels, and all the Heavenly hosts, we magnify and glorify His name together singing...

SANCTUS (see back)

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

HYMN “Angels, from the Realm of Glory” #218

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL “For Thine is the Kingdom”

VISITORS: We are a local congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a conservative and evangelical denomination. You can find out more about the PCA from a brochure in the rack in our hallway.

OUR WORSHIP STYLE: You'll note ours is a traditional worship service, based upon forms of worship (liturgies) arising out of the Protestant Reformation. You will need to keep your bulletin in hand. We regard corporate worship as a dialogue between God and His covenant people.

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: **Sundays 9-10:00 AM.** Join us. (Fellowship Hall) We're currently viewing and discussing a Ligonier Ministries video entitled, "The Fear of the Lord".

PRAYER SERVICE: **WEDNESDAYS @ NOON—1:00 PM** (Fellowship Hall)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: **Will not meet this week.**

COMING SOON: The ARPC WBS will begin the new year with a study of prayer and a look toward the cross. January will be a look at what this means. Join us for Joy Beyond Agony, a study of the cross. Author, "... Jane Roach, reminds us of the centrality of the cross...a biblically faithful exposition of what God accomplished in Christ on the cross. The book is also devotionally rich, for Roach draws us into worship, meditation, and application. Behold the man who was crucified and risen - and be changed forever" (taken from Foreword by Thomas R. Schreiner). Join us!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: **EVERY OTHER SATURDAY (December 23rd) @ 8:00 AM** (Fellowship Hall) Join us for a healthy dose of Christian fellowship with other men. We are studying "The Teachings of Jesus" from Matthew.

TODAY:

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—There will be a congregational meeting to be held today, after worship service for the purpose of electing church officers. Those men eligible for election are: Mr. David Dolby (Deacon), Mr. Dennis Vassalluzzo (Deacon), Mr. Joe Gorman (Ruling Elder).

LUNCH CELEBRATION — A lunch will be provided today to celebrate the new officer nominations.. Join us in the Fellowship Hall following the congregational meeting.

NEXT WEEK:

CHRISTMAS EVE 2023: Please join us at 6:30 next Sunday night, here at the church. We anticipate a precious time of worship celebrating the night our Savior was born.

SANCTUS

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord;

God of power, God of might.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!"

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AUBURN ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exalt in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with a robe of righteousness...as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." ~ Isaiah 61:10

**Let us Worship God
Third Sunday of Advent
December 17th, 2023
10:30 AM**