
ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSICAL PRELUDE

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

Minister: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock!

Congregation: You Who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Minister: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

Congregation: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

~ Psalm 80: 1-3

HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #194

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: The psalmist writes, "Incline Your ear O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry all the day. Gladden the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul." Let us confess our sins together.

Heavenly Father, You have revealed Your glory in the heavens and all creation displays Your Wisdom and Power. Your Word reveals Your Holiness, Justice, Goodness, and Truth. My life reveals Your image broken caused by the sin of our father Adam. I praise You now for the Last Adam, in Whose image I am being re-made. I praise You for Your power at work in my life as Your new creation. Cleanse me now in Your presence

as I come confessing my sins. The thoughts of my mind, the words of mouth, and the deeds of my hands have not been in conformity to Your Holy and Righteous Law. Forgive me and go on with Your work in my life. I reckon myself dead to sin and alive to You through my union with Your Son, Jesus Christ, the King of glory. Your promise to finish the good work You have started in my life is my great comfort. Through Your Word and Holy Spirit, Cause me to walk worthy of the calling which I have received. In the Name of Christ, I pray. Amen.

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)*

Romans 8:1,2 "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of Life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

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

Congregation: Praise be to God!

HYMN "Joy to the World" Page #195

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (845)

GOD INSTRUCTS US

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 (Page 791)

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37 (Page 1081)

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Page 1210)

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: "Waiting for the Lord"
~ Pastor Dwight Dolby

GOD RECEIVES OUR PRAISE AND SEALS US IN CHRIST

HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #193

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 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

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

PRAYER SERVICE: WEDNESDAYS @ NOON—1:00 PM

(Fellowship Hall)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Studying Philippians each **Tuesday at 1:00 PM.**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: EVERY OTHER SATURDAY (December 9th and 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. Currently we are in Matthew 10.

TODAY

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP MEAL—Join us today for ARPC's December Fellowship Meal following the worship service. Main Course is being provided. Come enjoy wonderful fellowship & food as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. ALL WELCOME.

THIS WEEK:

MINISTRY COORDINATION TEAM—Ministry Coordination Team meeting Thursday, 12/7, 10:30—11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

EQUIPPING MINISTRY TEAM—Equipping Ministry Team meeting Thursday, 12/7, 4:30—5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THIS MONTH:

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING —The Session has called for a congregational meeting to be held Sunday, December 17th, 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).

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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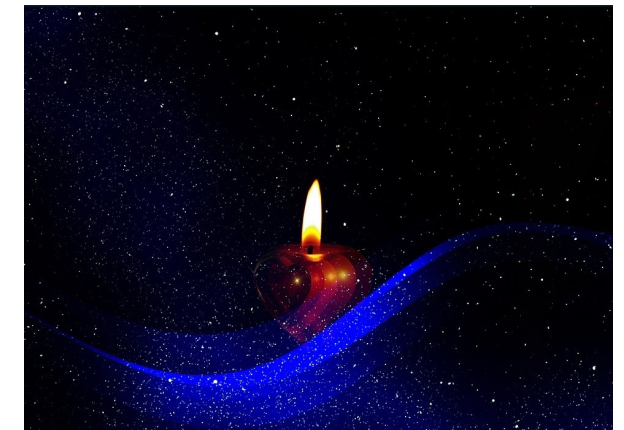
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"But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all Your people." Isaiah 64:8, 9

**"Let us Worship God"
First Sunday of Advent
December 3rd, 2023
10:30 AM**