

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP*

from Isaiah 40.1-5

Minister: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

All: Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND ADORATION*

HYMNS*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | No. 194
Stanzas 1, 3 and 5

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Chorus*

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Chorus*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus | No. 196
Stanzas 1, 2, and 4

HYFRYDOL

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 earth thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

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 in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

a responsive reading from Genesis 49.8-12

Minister: “Judah, your brothers will praise you; your hand will be on the neck of your enemies; your father’s sons will bow down to you.

All: You are a lion’s cub, O Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness – who dares to rouse him?

Minister: The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.

All: He will tether his donkey to a vine, his colt to the choicest branch; he will wash his garments in wine, his robes in the blood of grapes. His eyes will be darker than wine, his teeth whiter than milk.

SONG OF PRAISE

There Is A Redeemer

MELODY GREEN

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one.

*Chorus: Thank you oh my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit,
‘Til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, oh, for sinners slain.

Chorus

When I stand in glory, I will see his face,
And there I’ll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

Chorus

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one.

Chorus

PUBLIC CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration

Minister: Let us confess our sins before our righteous and holy God.

All: Heavenly Father, you are a covenant-keeping God, but we are not a covenant-keeping people. Though you have always been faithful to us, we are not always faithful to you. We sin many times each day in our thoughts and with our words and actions. Forgive us, we pray. We thank you for Jesus, who was faithful in all things, keeping the covenant on our behalf. Cause us to see Him as the one great treasure that we seek above all else and enable us to persevere until that wonderful day when we bask in the light of His presence. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Children's Time

After the intercessory prayer, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and their teachers may exit the sanctuary through the north doors of the sanctuary. Teachers will return with the children after the sermon. Parents may meet them by the north entrance, or children may join their parents at their seats.

SCRIPTURE READING*

Exodus 24.1-18

¹ Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. ² Moses alone shall come near to the LORD, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him."

³ Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹ Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰ and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹ And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them."

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

SERMON

Food for the Soul

Rev. Nate Libby

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

BOSWELL/PAPA

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come!
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, He the perfect Son of Man.
In His living, in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

HYMN OF RESPONSE (CONT.)

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S TABLE

All those who trust in Christ alone for their salvation, are baptized, and belong to a Bible believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper together, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

Please hold the bread, and we will partake together. Please drink the cup as you receive it.

A word to parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and been received as communing members by the Session of the church to which their parents belong.

During the bread
Instrumental

During the cup
Instrumental

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN*

Once In Royal David's City | No. 225
Stanzas 1, 2 and 4

IRBY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall:
With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above,
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

BENEDICTION*

Minister: May the blessing of God Almighty, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you all now and forever.

SERMON NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Advent Devotional

We are excited to have a family advent devotional (Good News of Great Joy by B.A. Snider) available for families with young children to take home. The devotionals will be out in the children's wing near the check-in desk for you to pick up. The devotions begin on the first Sunday of Advent (November 28) and end on Christmas Eve. Each day includes Scripture, a lesson, and some great questions. It's a wonderful resource to keep on your dinner table to help you and your family focus on the "good news of great joy" at Christmas - the birth of the Savior!

PPC 60ish Community Christmas Party

Please join us for a Christmas party on Friday, December 3 at 7 p.m. at the home of Cathy and Craig Parker, 5851 Royal Crest Drive, Dallas 75230. Come and go! RSVP to Margie McCabe at 469.964.8512. All who are 60ish + are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Education Holiday Break

Sunday School: Today is our last day for Sunday School classes this semester. We will take a break for the Christmas season, and classes will resume on Sunday, January 9.

Bible Studies: Fall Bible studies are wrapping up for the semester but will start back up in January. More details to come!

Christmas Eve Children's Choir

Children ages 4 – kindergarten and children in 1st – 5th grades are invited to participate in the Christmas Eve service! Brief rehearsals will be held after worship. Interested 1st – 5th graders will meet with Jonathan and Jenna Smith in room #136 (adult Sunday school room). Children ages 4 – kindergarten will meet with Stefani rea in room #133 (adult Sunday school room). Please contact Kristi Breed at childrensministry@providencedallas.com with any questions.

Mercy Street Angel Tree

We have an exciting opportunity to serve our community this Christmas by providing gifts for students in the Mercy Street mentoring, leadership and sports programs. You may visit our Angel Tree in the lobby and select an ornament tag for a child. Wrapped gifts will be collected through Sunday, December 12. If you have any questions, email Chris Bennett at chris.bennett@providencedallas.com.

Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 4 p.m. Childcare will not be provided as this is a family service.

Marco Jerez, *flute*
Sharon Lacey, *oboe*
Reese Farnell, *horn*

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