

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord’s Day
December 15, 2024

PreludeMatthew 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save
his people from their sins.

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

† Call to WorshipLuke 2:12–14

Pastor: And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in
swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

People: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the
heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Δ† Hymn of Adoration
214 Angels We Have Heard on High

† Salutation and Responsive Scriptures
Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!
People: Amen!
Pastor: The Lord be with you!
People: And also with you!
Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!
People: Who made heaven and earth!
Pastor: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
People: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

† Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise

† The Lord’s PrayerTogether as God’s People
Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom
come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† Affirmation of FaithRev. Billy Hastings
Isaiah 9:6–7, Together as God's People
“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall
be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his
government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David
and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and
with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the
LORD of hosts will do this.”

Δ† Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen,
amen.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

We Confess Our SinRev. Billy Hastings

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart,
soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are
not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections
continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from
freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from
fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your
holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts.
Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may
shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

Individual Silent Confession of Sin

God Forgives Us in ChristGalatians 4:4–7
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son,
born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were
under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And
because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our
hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a
son, and if a son, then an heir through God. In Jesus Christ our
sins are forgiven!

Interlude for Meditation

Lighting of the Second Advent CandleThe Brady Family

Δ† Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs
218 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

† The Passing of the Peace
Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you!
Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such
as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, “The peace of
Christ be with you,” and the response, “And also with you.”)

Morning PrayerElder Steve Campbell

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here
below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

God Instructs Us With His Word

Prayer for IlluminationRev. Jason Wegener

Scripture Reading
Luke 2:8–20

Preaching of the Word
Exposition from The Gospel of Luke

“The Song of Angels”

† Hymn of Response (as the Elders prepare the Table)
215 While by the Sheep We Watched at Night (1–2)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of InstitutionRev. Jason Wegener

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the ElementsThe Elders
(Partake of the Bread individually and the Cup together. Wine is used
for communion with a limited amount of grape juice in the center
rings. Please note the bread in the center of the plate is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† Hymn of Dedication
215 While by the Sheep We Watched at Night (3–4)
† BenedictionRev. Jason Wegener
† Hymn of Dismissal
195 Joy to the World (3)

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he
comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the
curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

Postlude

The Order of Divine Worship
concludes with your silent prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

† Indicates the congregation standing
Δ Ushers may seat latecomers