

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, December 12, 2021

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

**Isaiah 11:1**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 72:1-15 (p. 810)

Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

**He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.**

The mountains will bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

**He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; he will crush the oppressor.**

He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

**He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.**

In his days the righteous will flourish, prosperity will abound till the moon is no more.

**He will rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

The desert tribes will bow before him and his enemies will lick the dust.

**The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores will bring tribute to him;**

the kings of Sheba and Seba will present him gifts.

**All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.**

For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.

**He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death.**

He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

**Long may he live! May gold from Sheba be given him.**

\* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

***Angels, from the Realms of Glory***

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:  
*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen his natal star:  
*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:  
*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.*

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:  
*Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King. Amen.*

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, we come before you with guilt and shame as we consider how we have offended you by our sinful actions, our hurtful words, and our disgraceful thoughts.

**All:** You know us even better than we know ourselves; none of our sins are hidden from your sight. It grieves us that we continually fall short of what your Word commands.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray, and grant us repentant hearts. Cause us to keep in step with the Holy Spirit and to live according to your revealed will. Help us to do good to everyone, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

**All:** We pray this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Acts 10:42-43

And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that [Jesus] is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Psalm 24

Congregational Response

Hymn 235

### *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we present:  
to thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King!  
All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring! Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 7.** *What are the decrees of God?*

**A.** The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, by which, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

**Q. 8.** *How does God execute his decrees?*

**A.** God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

**Q. 9.** *What is the work of creation?*

**A.** The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 734

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.

### Lord's Prayer\*

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.

# THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

Luke 1:26-38

Congregational Response

Hymn 193

## *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord Most High!" Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

Advent in Isaiah  
“The Savior Will Be King”  
Isaiah 9:6-7

**GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 203

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King:  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”*

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th’incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”*

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.

*Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.” Amen.*

**Benediction\***

**Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father,  
praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit,  
three in One,  
O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

# SERMON NOTES

Advent in Isaiah  
“The Savior Will Be King”  
Isaiah 9:6-7

1. We need a King to save us.
2. God promised he would send a King.
3. God fulfilled that promise in Jesus, our King.

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# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.*

## **Monday, December 13**

Scripture: Obadiah 1:1-21; Revelation 4:1-11; Psalm 132:1-18; Proverbs 29:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 19

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

## **Tuesday, December 14**

Scripture: Jonah 1:1 - 4:11; Revelation 5:1-14; Psalm 133:1-3; Proverbs 29:26-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 60

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

## **Wednesday, December 15**

Scripture: Micah 1:1 - 4:13; Revelation 6:1-17; Psalm 134:1-3; Proverbs 30:1-4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 61

Pray for: Our covenant children, and Christian military chaplains.  
The churches in Dominica and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, December 16**

Scripture: Micah 5:1 - 7:20; Revelation 7:1-17; Psalm 135:1-21; Proverbs 30:5-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 62

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

## **Friday, December 17**

Scripture: Nahum 1:1 - 3:19; Revelation 8:1-13; Psalm 136:1-26; Proverbs 30:7-9

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 63

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.  
Our pregnant mom.

## **Saturday, December 18**

Scripture: Habakkuk 1:1 - 3:19; Revelation 9:1-21; Psalm 137:1-9; Proverbs 30:10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 64

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

## **Sunday, December 19**

Scripture: Zephaniah 1:1 - 3:20; Revelation 10:1-11; Psalm 138:1-8; Proverbs 30:11-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 65

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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*Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.*

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## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Isaiah and the people of Israel and Judah witnessed the failure of the house of David. Israel was already in league with pagan nations, and King Ahaz sold himself and the people of Judah to God's enemies as well. As we saw last week, God's people had abandoned the true and living God and were walking in deep spiritual darkness, seeking help from idols. Isaiah's prophecy in chapter 9 brought hope to those who were walking in darkness. God would not leave his people in darkness, but would send a Savior who would be a light in the darkness. This Savior would also be a great king who would establish an everlasting kingdom and uphold justice and righteousness. The author of a Tabletalk devotional describes this coming king:

He would possess unparalleled wisdom, being the “Wonderful Counselor” who would not need advisers or counselors to help guide him. His reign would also be so marked by peace that he would be the “Prince of Peace.” Other kings are known for war, and while this coming king would be a mighty warrior, his rule would establish and maintain permanent peace between God and the king's loyal subjects. And this king would be more than a mere man. He would be “Mighty God, Everlasting Father”—that is, the Creator Himself incarnate.

1. For review, read last Sunday's sermon text from Isaiah 9:1-5. Why did Isaiah write in the present tense, that the people “have seen a great light” and “on them has light shined” even though that event had not yet happened?
2. Read Isaiah 9:2-6. Verses 2-3 describe the joy and gladness brought about by the light dispelling the darkness they had been living in. Verses 4-6 list the ways God brought joy to his people. List what God will do in verses 4, 5, and 6.
3. How are the benefits listed in vv. 4-6 connected to the child of promise in verse 6?
4. In preparation for next Sunday, read Isaiah 11:1-2. In light of what Isaiah teaches about the Messiah, why do you think it is important that he is filled with the Holy Spirit?