

# ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

## OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

*Lighting of the Advent Candles*

Membership of the Strange Household  
Baptism of Oliver Strange

† *Pastor:* Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.**

There will come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse; and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

**Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.**

Isaiah 9:2 & 60:1



Lift up your hearts...

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

† COLLECT & 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 have forgiven 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.

† Congregational Singing

*Good Christian Men Rejoice*—238

## OUR LORD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

**But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith!**

**Do not worry then, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear for clothing?"**

**For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.**

**But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.**

**So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.**

Matthew 6:30-34



AN INVITATION TO CONFESS  
OUR SINS

† The congregation is invited to stand

## ‡ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

We Confess Our Sins, Together & Individually

Heavenly Father, we are made in Your image and we are to portray Your glory in all that we do. Still we sin and have fallen short of Your glory. Our speech betrays us. We are not able to control our tongues. We have not placed a guard over our mouths. We have been sinfully silent when we should have spoken. We have spoken when we should have remained silent. We have sinned by speaking in ignorance, and we have sinned by speaking ill of others. In Your faithfulness, grant us Your sure word of pardon. In Your compassion, and for the sake of Your Son, hear and forgive us as we continue in prayer, confessing these sins...

[we pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

O Lord, we give You thanks for Your kindness and abundant pardon; provided through Your Son who has died for us, taking the penalty which was our due, and You have received us in Him. Now grant, most merciful Lord, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, and this to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God*—415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared  
“In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit”  
“Thanks be to God!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*—241



## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

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### OUR LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

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**Scripture Lesson from  
the Old Testament**  
Exodus 16:31-36

**Scripture Lesson from  
the New Testament**  
Acts 14:19-28

*“This is the Word of the Lord”*  
“Thanks be to God!”

† **Gospel Lesson**—John 20:24-31

*“This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ”*  
“Praise be to Christ!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text  
**Luke 1:39-47**

Sermon  
*Stories & Songs*  
Pastor Jeff Niell

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Of the Father’s Love Begotten*—246-47

‡ The congregation is invited to kneel

† The congregation is invited to stand

## IN GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Doxology*  
As the offering is brought forward, we lift our hearts, hands, and voices in thankful praise...

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

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## OUR LORD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE

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We Confess Our Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

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† *Pastor*: Christians, in whom do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty; maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into Hades.**

**On the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
The communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

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## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We commune with the Lord & with one another

*After the Eucharist - A Table Blessing*

† *Pastor*: May the body and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life eternal. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

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† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Angels We Have Heard on High*—230

## OUR LORD COMMISSIONS US

† Benediction & Singing

**Doxology from *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (p. 247)**

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to Thee,  
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:

Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

### TODAY

**Membership, Baptism, and Baptism Celebration** – The Strange Family will join our membership and their son, Oliver, will be baptized this morning at the beginning of our service. Join us after worship for a reception in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate with the Strange Family.

**FORUM** – After worship you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for some coffee, fellowship, and Q&A. During this time, Pastors Niell and Jeffery will lead an informal Q&A time giving an opportunity for further discussion about the service and sermon. We'll finish at 1:30 p.m. with some quick clean-up.



### ADVENT CELEBRATION – **THIS** Friday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Get out your fun festive wear and join us for our Advent Celebration! This is a time to see some fun talent offerings from our church family, enjoy fellowship, and of course food. Please see the Sign-Up Genius that went out to RSVP and let us know what food offerings you will bring.



### Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth – Giving Response

During Advent we will be gathering items to support the Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth. Particular items of need this year are diapers (sizes 1-6), baby wipes, baby shampoo, lotion, and diaper cream. Of course items like car seats, strollers, baby blankets, baby clothes, pack n' plays, and new mom gifts are always welcome. Please see the email from Mr. Nate Douglas that details further specific and pressing needs from PHC. Donations can be placed in the back corner of the foyer by the main entrance.



### Lessons & Carols – Friday, December 24 at 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

Plan on joining us as we gather in the sanctuary for this service of Scripture and song which tells the story of hope and fulfillment in Jesus our Savior.



### Gloria Sancta – January 5-8, 2022

A retreat for single young adults who have graduated high school, about the ages 18-30 are encouraged to attend. The theme this year is, *Investment for Your Future*. Pastors Randy Booth, Rob Hadding, Steve Jeffery, and Jeff Niell will be teaching. **Register at [www.gloriasancta.org](http://www.gloriasancta.org)**

**Today is the Second Sunday of Advent.** The Church year begins with Advent, and this is another way of saying that the Church year begins with expectation. The Bible is a book of expectation *and* fulfillment. The Bible begins with expectation and moves to fulfillment. This is true of the promises as well as the covenants of promise. This is true of the types and the shadows. This is true for the prophecies as well. This is true for the entirety of the Scriptures. The Scriptures speak of Jesus (Luke 24:25-27, 44; John 5:39, 46). The Scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus, and He is the "Yes" and "Amen" of the promises of God (2 Cor. 1:20). We begin the Church year with expectation, confident that our Lord will fulfill His promises (Revelation 1:5).

## The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is observed every Lord's Day at All Saints, and we warmly invite to the Lord's Table all who are baptized disciples of the Lord Jesus, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church, and this includes covenant children. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the overseers of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being an active member of a congregation which belongs to the Triune God and is marked by the Word and sacraments. If you have any questions about your participation, please speak to one of the elders before or after the service.

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## Good Christian Men, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO (6 6. 7 7. 7 8. 5 5)

German melody, 14th century

harm. Michael Praetorius, 1607; alt.

Latin carol, 14th century

tr. John Mason Neale, 1853

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ With heart and soul and voice;—  
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ With heart and soul and voice;—  
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice \_\_\_\_\_ With heart and soul and voice;—

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath oped the heav'n - ly door; And man is blessed for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

# Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

From a melody by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1704  
adapted, Harold W. Gilbert

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence: and take not Thy Ho - ly

Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of

Thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

CHRISTMAS

## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY (8 7. 8 7. 8 7)  
 French traditional carol, 17th century  
 arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*Liturgy of St. James*  
 tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1864

Unison

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and  
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4. At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way, As the Light of light de - scend - eth  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

For with bless - ing in His hand, Christ our God to  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to  
 From the realms of end - less day, That the pow'rs of  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, Our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 all the faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 hell may van - ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!

# Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (Irreg.)  
Charles Meineke, 1844

2nd century

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

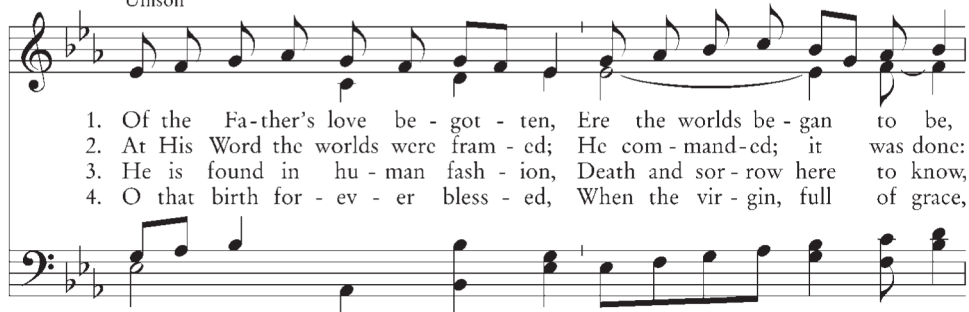


## Of the Father's Love Begotten

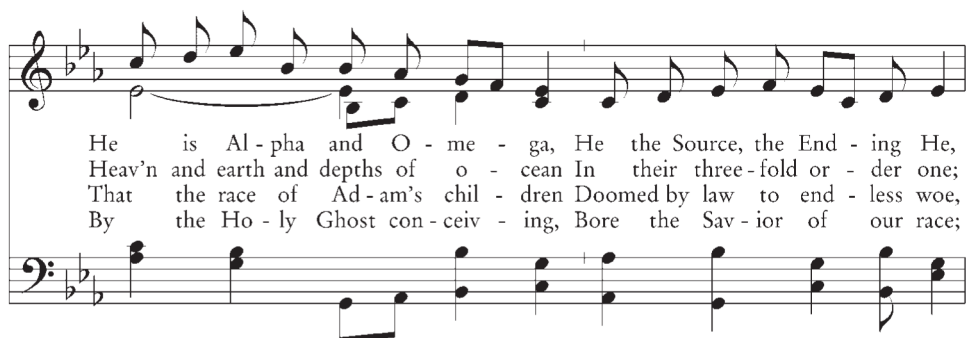
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM [CORDE NATUS EX PARENTIS] (8 7. 8 7. 8 7. 7)  
12th-15th century tropes

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413  
tr. John Mason Neale, 1851  
and Henry Williams Baker, 1861

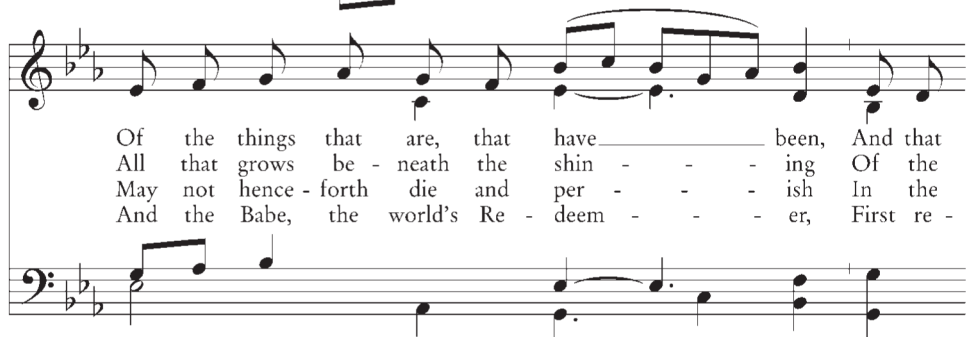
Unison



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be,  
2. At His Word the worlds were fram - ed; He com - mand - ed; it was done:  
3. He is found in hu - man fash - ion, Death and sor - row here to know,  
4. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin, full of grace,



He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,  
Heav'n and earth and depths of o - cean In their three - fold or - der one;  
That the race of Ad - am's chil - dren Doomed by law to end - less woe,  
By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, Bore the Sav - ior of our race;



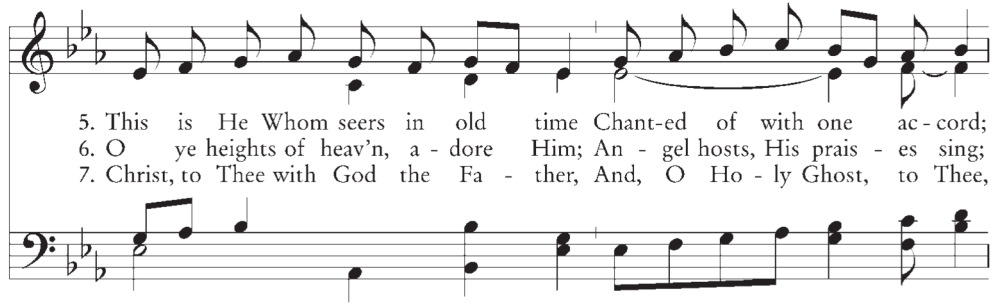
Of the things that are, that have ———— been, And that  
All that grows be - neath the shin - - - ing Of the  
May not hence - forth die and per - - - ish In the  
And the Babe, the world's Re - deem - - - er, First re -



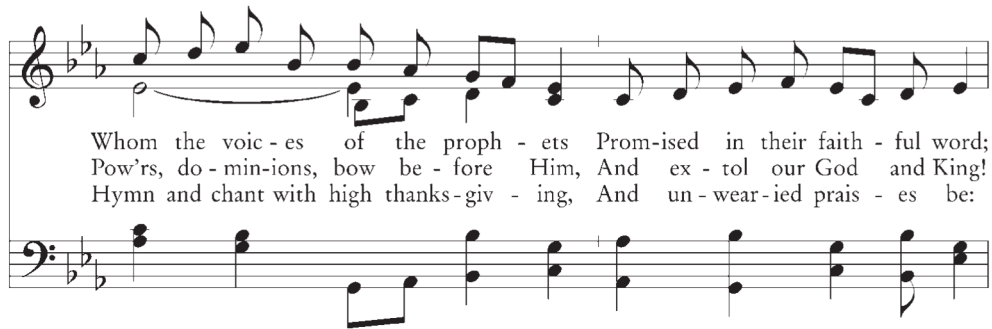
fu - ture years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
moon and burn - ing sun, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
dread - ful gulf be - low, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
vealed His sa - cred face, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

CHRISTMAS

Of the Father's Love Begotten



5. This is He Whom seers in old time Chant-ed of with one ac - cord;  
 6. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;  
 7. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,



Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets Prom-ised in their faith - ful word;  
 Pow'rs, do - min-ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our God and King!  
 Hymn and chant with high thanks - giv - ing, And un - wear-ied prais - es be:



Now He shines, the long - ex - spect - - - ed; Let cre -  
 Let no tongue on earth be si - - - lent, Ev - 'ry  
 Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - - - ion, And e -



a - tion praise its Lord, Ev - er-more and ev - er-more!  
 voice in con - cert sing, Ev - er-more and ev - er-more!  
 ter - nal vic - to - ry, Ev - er-more and ev - er-more! A - men.

## Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA (7 7. 7 7. Ref.)

French carol

arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

French carol

1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4. See Him in a man - ger laid, Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!