

# ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

## OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Lighting of the Advent Candles

† *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**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful—243*

## OUR LORD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

**Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.**

**For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.**

**Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone?**

**Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?**

**If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!**

**In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.**

Matthew 7:1-12



AN INVITATION TO CONFESS  
OUR SINS

† The congregation is invited to stand

## ‡ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

We Confess Our Sins, Together & Individually

Heavenly Father, we come to You through Jesus, the Word made flesh. We confess our sins because all things are open and exposed before You; nothing is hidden from Your gaze. You know our thoughts fully and You know a word before it is on our tongues. You know our sinful thoughts of others. You know our sinful speech to others and of others. Apart from Your grace and mercy, we have no hope and no forgiveness. Grant us the humility to confess our sins; grant us Your grace which is greater than our sins. Hear us, and cover us with Your mercy, even now, 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: *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*—226



## 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 17:8-16

**Scripture Lesson from  
the New Testament**  
Acts 15:13-21

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

† **Gospel Lesson**—John 21:15-25

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

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text

**Joshua 3**

Sermon

*Liturgical Warfare*

Pastor Steve Jeffery

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*—227

‡ 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: *Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come*—240

## 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

**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.



### **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. **Registration is now closed. Contact Pastors Booth or Niell if unregistered, but interested.**



**Today is the Fourth**—and final—**Sunday of Advent**. During Advent we confess that Jesus is the Savior of all. Mary confessed her need of a Savior. The shepherds left their flocks in order to see this Shepherd. Magi came from the East acknowledging this Child as royalty. As Savior He was adored *and* opposed, loved *and* hated, worshipped *and* an object of murder. He is the fulfillment of the Scriptures; He came unto His own and His own did not receive Him. Rejection and acceptance were encountered in and around the Person of the Savior, and through it all we see that He is the Savior of the nations. He is the Savior of those who, like Simeon, had long awaited and expected one to arise who was greater than Moses, Solomon, and all the prophets. Jesus is the Savior of the lovely and elderly Anna, and He is the Savior the little children who were welcomed into His presence. He is the only Savior, and He is our Savior.

### 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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CHRISTMAS

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS (Irregular)

John Francis Wade, *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

Latin hymn

John Francis Wade, c. 1743

tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O  
 2. God of God, Light of Light; Lo, He ab-  
 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion; Sing, all ye  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap-py morn-ing; Je-sus, to

come ye to Beth-le-hem. Come and be-hold Him,  
 hors not the Vir-gin's womb; Ver-y God, be-  
 cit-i-zens of heav'n a-bove! Glo-ry to God,  
 Thee be-glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther,

born the King of an-gels:  
 got-ten, not cre-at-ed: O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-  
 in the high-est:  
 now in flesh ap-pear-ing:

dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ the Lord!

# Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

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

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: "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."

## Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

FREU DICH SEHR [AINSI QU'ON OIT LE CERF BRUIRE] (8 7. 8 7. 7 7. 8 8)  
*Genevan Psalter*, 1551  
 harm. Johann Crüger, 1658

Johannes Olearius, 1671  
 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

1. Com-fort, com-fort ye My peo-ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par-don, Blot-ting out each dark mis-deed;  
 3. For the her-ald's voice is cry-ing In the des-ert far and near,  
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook-ed, Make the rough-er plac-es plain:

Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, Bowed be-neath their sor-row's load;  
 All that well de-served His an-ger He will no more see nor heed.  
 Bid-ding all men to re-pen-tance, Since the king-dom now is here,  
 Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, As be-fits His ho-ly reign,

Speak ye to Je-ru-sa-lem Of the peace that waits for them;  
 She has suf-fered man-y a day, Now her griefs have passed a-way;  
 O that warn-ing cry o-bey! Now pre-pare for God a way!  
 For the glo-ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a-broad,

Tell her that her sins I cov-er, And her war-fare now is o-ver.  
 God will change her pin-ning sad-ness In-to ev-er-spring-ing glad-ness.  
 Let the val-leys rise to meet Him, And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
 And all flesh shall see the to-ken That His Word is nev-er bro-ken.

# Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (Irreg.)  
Charles Meineke, 1844

2nd century

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

The first system of musical notation for 'Gloria Patri' consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The upper staff features a melodic line with some rests and a final quarter note. The lower staff continues the harmonic support with various chordal textures.

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

The third and final system of musical notation concludes the piece. The upper staff ends with a double bar line and a final chord. The lower staff also concludes with a double bar line and a final chord.



ADVENT

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL (8 8. 8 8. 8 8)  
13th century plainsong  
arr. Thomas Helmore, 1856

Latin antiphon, 12th century  
tr. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
2. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on  
3. O come, *Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's*  
4. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine  
5. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un -  
Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst give the law In  
*tyr - an - ny; From depths of bell Thy peo - ple save, And*  
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And  
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And

til the Son of God ap - pear.  
cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
*give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -*  
death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

# Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH (C.M.)  
Lowell Mason, 1836

Isaac Watts, 1719

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King;  
 2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy;  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the ground;  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove

Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,  
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
 He comes to make His bless - ings flow  
 The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness,

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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