

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Lighting of the First Advent Candle
Baptism of Prudence Noel Vrazo

† *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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus—219

OUR LORD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem,

Jerusalem, that is built as a city that is compact together;

To which the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD—an ordinance for Israel—to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

For there thrones were set for judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

"May peace be within your walls, and prosperity within your palaces."

For the sake of my brothers and my friends, I will now say, "May peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Psalm 122



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 as a righteous Judge and as the One who is filled with mercy. You are high and lofty. You inhabit eternity. Your name is holy. You also dwell with those who are contrite and of humble spirit. In Your holiness and compassion, be merciful to us and forgive us our sins. Our mouths reveal our hearts, and our hearts have not been shaped by Your Spirit as they ought. We are quick to speak ill of others; we backbite, gossip, and hold grudges. We engage in sinful speech and neglect that which pleases You, strengthens others, and shows that we have received Your grace. Forgive us for these sins. Grant us Your grace. Revive the spirit of the humble and restore the contrite. Hear our prayers and forgive us the sins we now confess to You...

[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

OUR LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament
Isaiah 2:1-5

Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles
Romans 13:8-14

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

† Gospel Lesson—Luke 1:5-20

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

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text
Joshua 21

Sermon
Can Joshua 21 Help Us Find Another Pastor?
Pastor Steve Jeffery

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Savior of the Nations, Come*—225

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

OUR LORD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE

We Confess Our Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

† *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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We commune with the Lord & with one another

The Lord's Supper should not be observed in individual homes.

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

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

Baptism – Prudence Noel Vrazo will be baptized at the beginning of our service today.

Prayer for & Blessing of the Children – Just before the end of the service today we will invite the children (about 12 and younger) forward for a special time of prayer, encouragement, and blessing.

Baptism Reception – You are invited to join us as we celebrate together with a reception in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

PLEASE NOTE:

Advent Celebration – Our church will not be hosting a church-wide event this year. Fellowship Groups are encouraged to hold their own celebrations.

Lessons and Carols – Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

BAKERS NEEDED – ASPC has a group of volunteers who bake our Communion Bread on a weekly rotation. We are looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please see Julie Capone or email her at caponesix@gmail.com.



Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth – Giving Response

During Advent and through Epiphany we will be gathering items to support the Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth. Particular items of need this year are diapers (sizes 2, 3 & 4), baby wipes, baby shampoo, lotion, and soap. Of course items like car seats, strollers, baby blankets, baby clothes, pack n' plays, are always welcome. Donations can be placed in the back corner of the foyer by the main entrance. Gathering items begins today.



Today is the First Sunday of Advent. The *Advent* season marks the beginning of the Church year and begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. Advent means “coming” or “arrival” and refers to the First Advent of Jesus, the Messiah. The Advent Season is observed by the Church as a time of preparation, not only for Christmas, but also for the Second Advent of Jesus. We now live between the Advents, and this is a time of thankfulness and expectation. According to the Church calendar, the color for Advent is purple, signifying royalty, the royalty of Jesus who is the King of kings (1 Timothy 6:15), and ruler over the kings of the earth (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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ADVENT

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL (8 7. 8 7. D.)
Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1855

Charles Wesley, 1744

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

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 bar lines.

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-ing 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'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the'. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with chords and some moving lines.

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

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics: 'Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

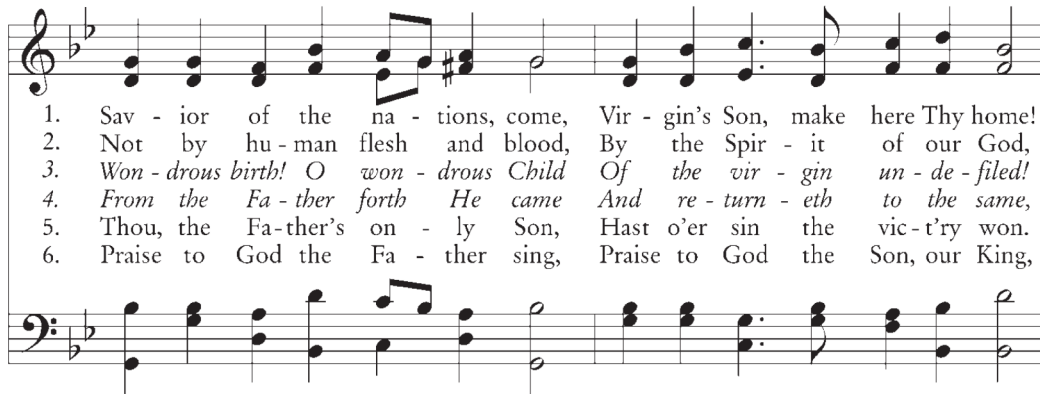
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The third and final system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics: 'shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment and ends with a double bar line.

Savior of the Nations, Come

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (7 7. 7 7)
 Johann Walter, *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524

St. Ambrose, 397
 German version, Martin Luther, 1524
 tr. William M. Reynolds, 1860; alt.



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make here Thy home!
 2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it of our God,
 3. *Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the vir - gin un - de - filed!*
 4. *From the Fa - ther forth He came And re - turn - eth to the same,*
 5. Thou, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, Hast o'er sin the vic - t'ry won.
 6. Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Was the Word of God made flesh— Wom - an's Off - spring, pure and fresh.
Tho' by all the world dis - owned, Still to be in heav'n en - throned.
Cap - tive lead - ing death and hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
 Bound - less shall Thy king - dom be; When shall we its glo - ries see?
 Praise to God the Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

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.