

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Lighting of the 1st through 4th 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

**The earth is the LORD'S and all it contains,
the world, and those who dwell in it.**

**For He has founded it upon the seas and
established it upon the rivers.**

**Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
And who may stand in His holy place?**

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood
and has not sworn deceitfully.**

**He shall receive a blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his sal-
vation.**

**This is the generation of those who seek
Him, who seek Your face—even Jacob.**

Psalm 24:1-6



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: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*—insert



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 35

Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles
Philippians 2:1-11

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

† Gospel Lesson—Luke 2:1-7

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

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text
Joshua 22:1-9

Sermon
An Advent Exhortation for Wandering Souls
Pastor Steve Jeffery

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Of the Father’s Love Begotten* —246 (vv. 1-4)

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: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* —247 (vv. 5-7)

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.

THIS WEEK

LESSONS & CAROLS – This Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



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.

Please note: We've become aware that there is a great need for little boys' clothes this year.

Gloria Sancta – January 4-7, 2023 at the Timberline Baptist Camp in Lindale, Texas. Unmarried young adults aged 18 to 30 are strongly encouraged to check it out at www.GloriaSancta.org. This year's theme is "Holiness" and will be led by Pastors Randy Booth and Roy Bradley (Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nacogdoches, TX), Pastor Rob Hadding (Covenant Presbyterian Church in Sulphur, LA), and Pastor Steve Jeffery (All Saints Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, TX). **Deadline to register: Monday, December 19th**



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!

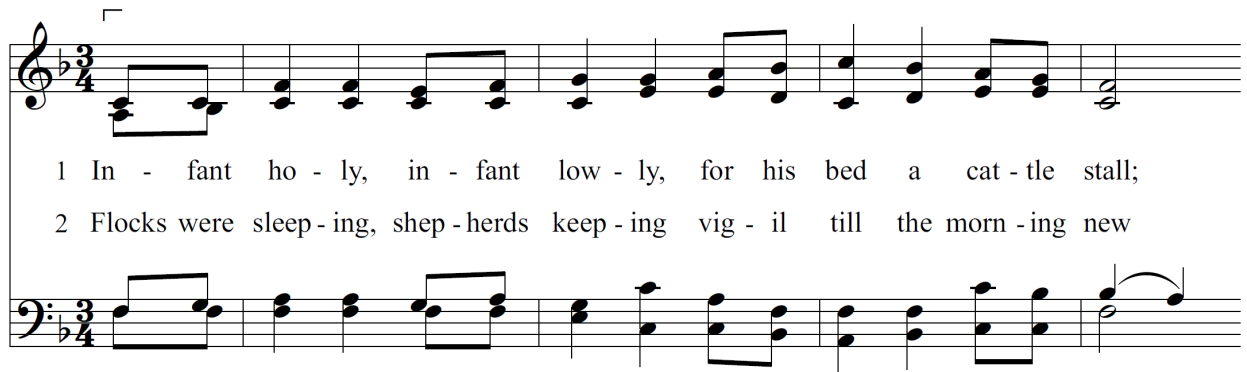
Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

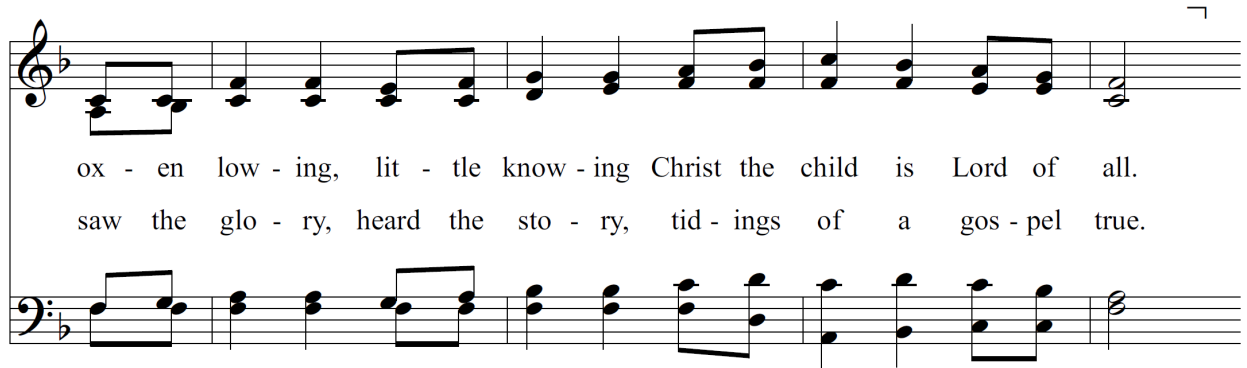
From a melody by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1704
adapted, Harold W. Gilbert

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the 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."

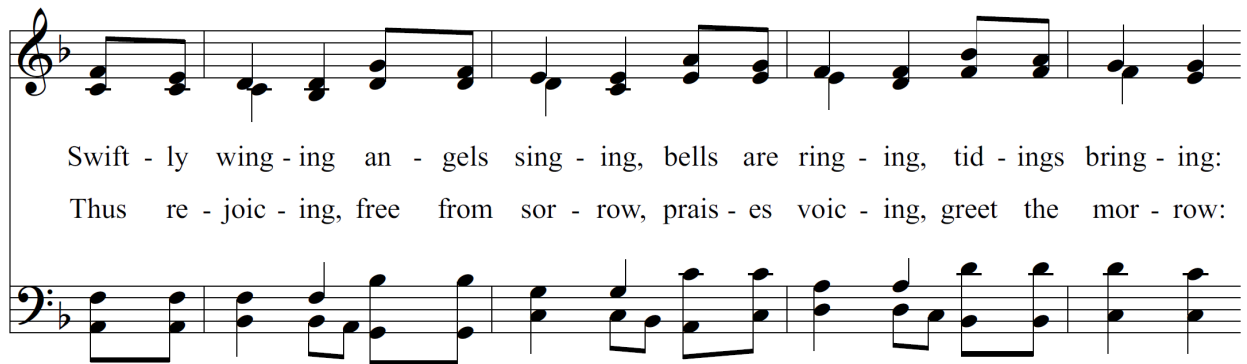
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!



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. 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 concludes the vocal line with lyrics: 'shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.'. The bass staff concludes the piano accompaniment with a final chord.

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,

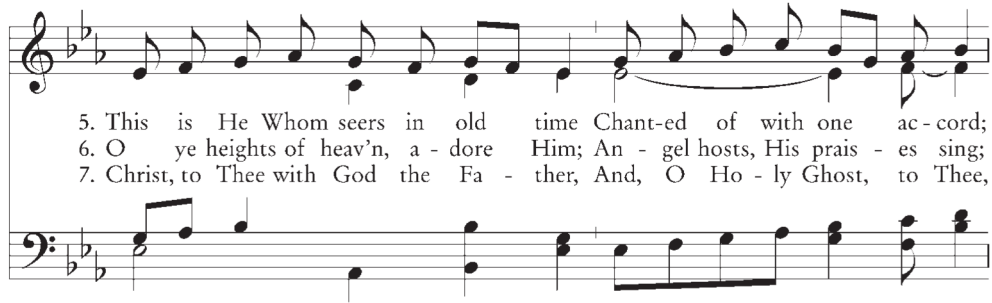
He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,
Heav'n and earth and depths of o - cean In their three - fold or - der one;
That the race of Ad - am's chil - dren Doomed by law to end - less woe,
By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, Bore the Sav - ior of our race;

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 -

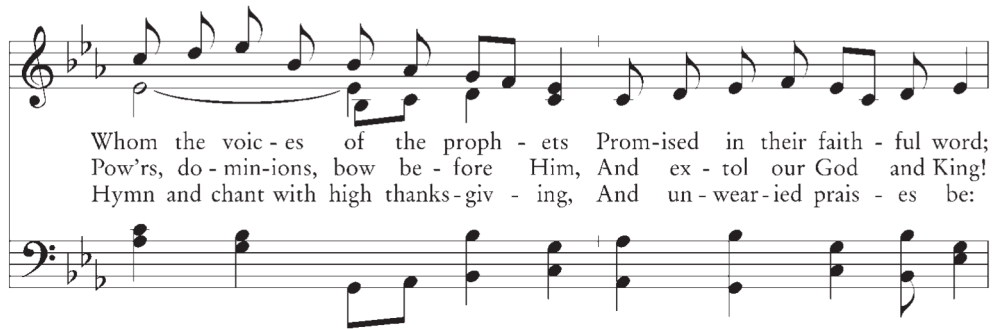
fu - ture years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
moon and burn - ing sun, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
dread - ful gulf be - low, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
vealed His sa - cred face, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

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-pect-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.