

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Lighting of the 1st and 2nd 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**

Lift Up Your Heads—224-225

OUR LORD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

**Give the king Your judgments, O God, and
Your righteousness to the king's son.**

**May he judge Your people with righteous-
ness and Your afflicted with justice.**

**Let the mountains bring peace to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.**

**May he vindicate the afflicted of the people,
save the children of the needy, and crush the
oppressor.**

**Let them fear You while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all gen-
erations.**

**May he come down like rain upon the mown
grass, like showers that water the earth.**

**In his days may the righteous flourish, and
abundance of peace till the moon is no more.**

Psalm 72:1-7



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

OUR LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament
Isaiah 9:1-7

Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles
1 Timothy 2:1-6

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

† Gospel Lesson—Luke 1:21-38

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

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text
Joshua 21:43-45

Sermon
An Advent Meditation for Wounded Souls
Pastor Steve Jeffery

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* —234

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: *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

Forum – After worship today, you are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall where Pastor Jeffery will lead an informal time of fellowship and Q & A regarding our church, the service, and/or the sermon. Coffee will be available. We'll finish no later than 1:30 p.m. with some quick cleanup.

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET PASTOR GEOFF SHAW AND FAMILY:

Wednesday, December 7th: Special Edition Wednesday Night Bible Study – This will be a great opportunity to meet Pastor Shaw and his family over an informal meal, to hear him lead an informal Bible Study, and to ask questions.

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Food and fellowship; Fellowship Hall open from 6:00 p.m. Feel free to bring food.

7:00 to 8:15 p.m. – Interactive Talk/Q & A/ Bible Study led by Pastor Shaw

8:15 to 8:30 p.m. – Additional fellowship time/Conclusion

Sunday, December 11th: Sunday Worship and Sack Lunch Q & A – Pastor Shaw will be preaching at Sunday worship, which will be followed by a Sack Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. This will be another great opportunity to meet the whole Shaw family, and to hear Pastor Shaw preach and answer questions. This is a "Bring Your Own Everything" (food, drinks, plates, napkins, etc.) lunch. Water and coffee will be available. Please plan to bring some extra food beyond your family so that we might invite visitors to join us.



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.



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.

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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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 in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff. The score is divided into five systems, each with a treble and bass staff. 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."

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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.

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

GOD REST YE MERRY (8 6. 8 6. 8 6. 8 4 8)
English melody, 18th century

English carol, 18th century

1. God rest ye mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. In Beth - le - hem, in Is - ra - el, this bless - ed Babe was born,
3. *From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came,*
4. *"Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you a - fright;*
5. The shep - herds at those ti - dings re - joic - ed much in mind,
6. Now to the Lord sing prais - es all you with - in this place,

Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas Day,
And laid with - in a man - ger up - on this bless - ed morn;
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought ti - dings of the same;
This day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
And left their flocks a - feed - ing in tem - pest, storm and wind,
And with true love and broth - er - hood each oth - er now em - brace;

To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
The which His moth - er Mar - y did noth - ing take in scorn.
How that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
To free all those who trust in Him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
And went to Beth - le - hem straight - way this bless - ed Babe to find.
This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas all oth - ers doth de - face.

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy;

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

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!