

# ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

## OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle  
Baptism of Lincoln Cross Turner

† *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

**I will extol You, my God, O King, and I will  
bless Your name forever and ever.**

**Every day I will bless You, and I will praise  
Your name forever and ever.**

**Great is the LORD, and highly to be  
praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.**

**One generation shall praise Your works to  
another, and shall declare Your mighty  
acts.**

**On the glorious splendor of Your majesty  
and on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.**

**Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome  
acts, and I will tell of Your greatness.**

**They shall eagerly utter the memory of  
Your abundant goodness and will shout  
joyfully of Your righteousness.**

Psalm 145:1-7



AN INVITATION TO CONFESS

OUR SINS:

† The congregation is invited to stand

‡ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER  
We Confess Our Sins, Together & Individually

Heavenly Father, we come to You, a righteous Judge, and as One who is filled with mercy. Be merciful to us, and forgive us our sins for they are many. Forgive us for desiring our own ways instead of desiring Your favor. Forgive our ready embrace of our sins—sins of thought, speech, and deed—for these separate us from You. You know our desires and our sins. We are lazy in confession and repentance, yet You remain faithful. Our sins break fellowship with You and others. We have not loved You as we should. We have not sought You as Your servants. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We need Your pardon. Forgive us these sins, as well as those 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

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OUR LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

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Scripture Lesson from  
the Old Testament  
Isaiah 40:1-11

Scripture Lesson from  
the Epistles  
Philippians 2:1-11

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

† Gospel Lesson—John 1:9-18

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

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text  
**Acts 5:1-11**

Sermon  
*Just One Little White Lie*  
Pastor Steve Jeffery

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

‡ 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

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

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† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Lift Up Your Heads*—224-225

## 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 and Reception** — Lincoln Cross Turner will be baptized at the beginning of our service. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall after our service.

### THIS WEEK

#### Midweek Caroling

Join us in the Fellowship Hall this Wednesday evening for our usual midweek meal. After our meal, we'll all go caroling in the neighborhood. More details will follow. Please refer to the email sign-up to RSVP for dinner. Contact Pastor Shaw with any questions.

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. — Dinner provided by the church

6:30- 7:30 p.m. — Caroling

### NEXT SUNDAY

**New Members** — The Brantley family will be presented for membership just prior to our service next Sunday.

**Baptism** — Shane Titus, Corinna May, Lainey Wren, and Ada Ruth Brantley will be baptized at the beginning of our service next week. (No reception)

### PLEASE NOTE

#### 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 - for babies: diapers, baby wash, pacifiers, baby toys & books, and baby clothes; for moms: Bibles, socks, chapstick, maternity clothes, lotion, and gift cards for gas or food. Strollers and playpens are always great as well. Donations can be placed in the back corner of the foyer by the main entrance. Gathering items begins today.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Lessons and Carols** — Friday, December 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**Gloria Sancta — January 3-6, 2024 at Timberline Camp and Conference Center.** Gloria Sancta is a retreat for Christian young adults ages 18-28. This year's teaching will be provided by Pastor Randy Booth (Grace Covenant, Nacogdoches, TX), Pastor Rob Hadding (Covenant Presbyterian, Sulphur, LA), Pastor Niell, and Pastor Jeffery. Register soon at <https://www.gloriasancta.org> while space is still available.



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.

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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

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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody. The piece concludes with a final cadence in the piano part.

# 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

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

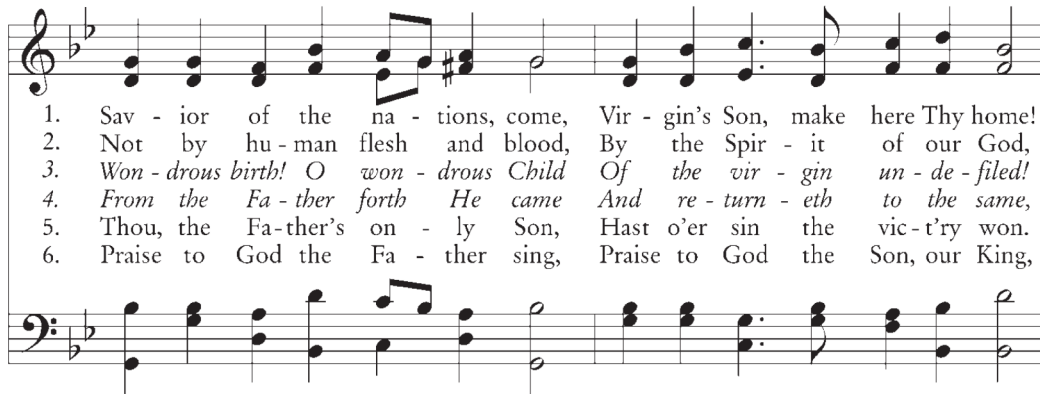
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.



## 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.

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