

# ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

## OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Lighting of the First Advent Candle  
Membership of Doug & Debbie Maxwell

† *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

**To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!**

**Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until He is gracious to us.**

**Be gracious to us, O LORD, be gracious to us, for we are greatly filled with contempt.**

**Our soul is greatly filled with the scoffing of those who are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud.**

Psalm 123



AN INVITATION TO CONFESS  
OUR SINS:

‡ 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: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*—227



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 64:1-9

Scripture Lesson from  
the Epistles  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

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

† Gospel Lesson—John 1:1-8

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

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text  
**Acts 4:32-37**

Sermon  
*Generosity and the Gospel*  
Pastor Steve Jeffery

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

‡ 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 be observed in individual homes.**

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

**OUR LORD COMMISSIONS US**

*Prayer for and Blessing of the Children*

† 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.

## TODAY

**New Members** — Doug & Debbie Maxwell will be presented for membership just prior to our service.

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

## THIS WEEK

**Midweek at All Saints**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall Wednesday evenings for a meal, a time of singing, and Bible study. 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**

**6:15 - 7:00 p.m. — Understanding the Psalms**, led by Pastor Jeffery

**7:00 - 7:45 p.m. — Learn to Sing Your Part**, led by Nathan Whittlesey

## NEXT SUNDAY

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

## 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.

Parents, diaper changing facilities can be found in the second floor restrooms and are available for your convenience.

## 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. Registration now open.** 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 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).

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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

The musical score is presented in 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."

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 hell 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.

# 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 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,

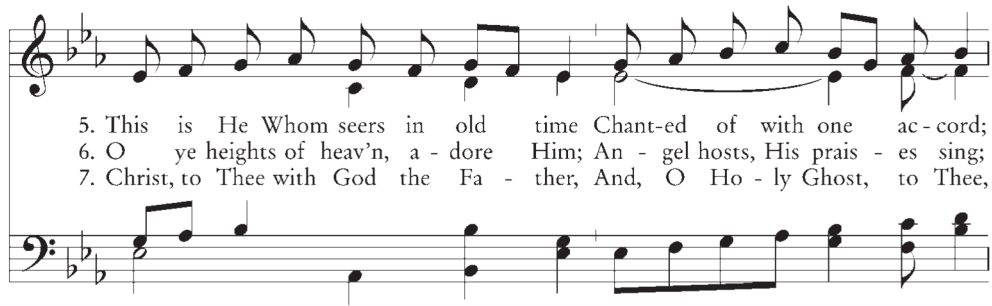
He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,  
Heav'n and earth and depths of o - cean In their three - fold or - der one;  
That the race of Ad - am's chil - dren Doomed by law to end - less woe,  
By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, Bore the Sav - ior of our race;

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 -

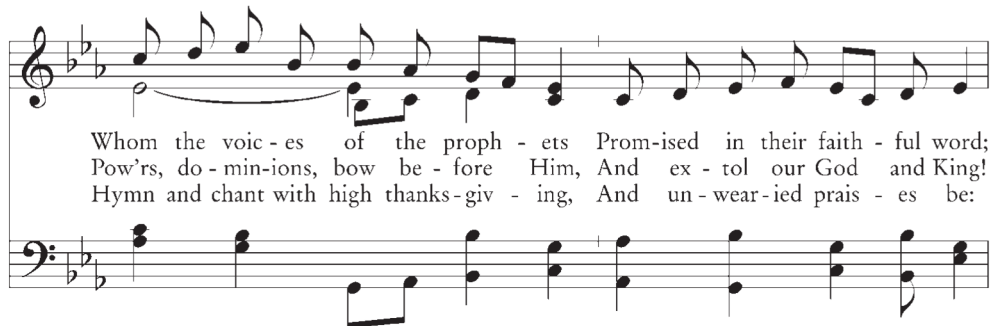
fu - ture years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
moon and burn - ing sun, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
dread - ful gulf be - low, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
vealed His sa - cred face, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

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 - spect - - - 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.