

ALL SAINTS Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

† CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

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

CORPORATE READING OF GOD'S WORD

And it shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people's way."

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made.

Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart.

I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the LORD, "and I will heal him..."

Isaiah 57:14-19

‡ CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess before you our sinful nature and our many offenses. We are prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Lord, we are ashamed and sorry for all the ways that we have displeased you. Father, teach us to hate our rebellious acts, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your Son. Hear us now as we continue in silent prayer, confessing our sins to you.

[We pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

Gracious Father, help us to love you with all our heart and mind and strength, and give us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in your ways and serve you all of our days. 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



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

**Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament**
Psalm 8:1-9

**Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles**
Hebrews 2:5-18

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

† **Gospel Lesson**—John 1:1-14

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

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

† **Sermon Text**
Luke 1:26-38

Sermon
Cur Deus Homo
Pastor Geoff Shaw

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *What Child Is This*—250

‡ 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*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication



† CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Nicene Creed*

Christians, in whom do you believe?

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made;
who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from Heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin, Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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*—246 (vv. 1-6)

† BENEDICTION AND 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

Second Sunday of Advent

Coffee and Refreshments—Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Pastors will be available for questions and conversation.

NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor Joost Nixon, Executive Director, Training Leaders International Europe will fill our pulpit. After worship please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a time of Q & A with Pastor Nixon. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.—Lessons & Carols

January 8-11, 2025—Gloria Sancta at Timberline Camp and Conference Center. Registration is open. Gloria Sancta is a retreat for Christian young adults (post high school; under 30)
Register at <https://www.gloriasancta.org>.

PLEASE NOTE:

Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth—Gift Drive

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: baby wipes, small bottles of shampoo & baby wash, baby lotion, diapers size 4 & 5, baby digital thermometer, baby first aid kit, and baby toys. Gifts for moms: Bibles, gas gift card, and Walmart gift cards. Strollers and playpens are always great as well. For more ideas, you may scan the QR code from the flyer on the back corner table in the foyer near the main entrance. Donations may be placed on this table.

Deacon Nominations—Sunday, November 24th through Sunday, December 29th

As you prayerfully consider nominating someone, please consider the biblical qualifications found in 1 Timothy 3. Please also consider Pastor Jeffery's teaching on diaconal ministry found on our website. Once you have gained the consent of someone you wish to nominate, you may email the Session at session@allsaintskirk.com

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