

DECEMBER 9, 2001

Order for the Worship of God
December 9, 2001
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

The Christian Year: Second Sunday of Advent

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Preparation for Worship

"Wachet Auf!"
Colin Howland, *Organ*

J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

The Rev. Joseph Ryan

Minister: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, for those who have been waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 1.68, 2.25

People: **My eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel.** Luke 2.30-32

***Hymns of Adoration** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

"Veni, Redemptor gentium"

TRUIRO

text: St. Ambrose, c. 340-397

Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,
And manifest Thy virgin birth.
Let every age adoring fall:
Such birth befits the God of all.

Sprung from no reed of human race
But by the Spirit's mystic grace,
The Promised fruit of Mary's womb
The Word of God, doth flesh assume.

From God the Father He proceeds
To God the Father back He speeds;
His course He runs to death and hell,
Returning on God's throne to dwell.

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
And darkness breathe a newer light
Where endless faith shall shine serene
And twilight never intervene.

Public Confession

Lead us, O LORD, in Your righteousness; for You are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all evildoers. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; but the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Psalm 5:8a, 4-5; Isaiah 53:6

Private Confession

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith, S.C., 20-22

Minister: Did God leave all mankind to perish in all their sin and misery?

People: From all eternity God was pleased to elect some to everlasting life, with whom He entered into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of their sin and misery and into salvation. He accomplished this by a Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever. The Son of God became man by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

"Guide Me, O Shepherd of My Heart"

F. O'Brien

Prayer of Intercession/Offertory Prayer

Dr. Mark Fulmer 9:30
Mr. Ron Williams 11:00
Session Elders

***The Greeting of Peace**

Minister: Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through
our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: **And also with you.**

The Service of Friendship

Extending the Kingdom: Stewardship

Mr. Bobby Payne

***The Scripture Reading**

Matthew 1.1-17

9:30

The Rev. David Rea, *Pastor to College Ministry*
Mr. Bogdan Witecki, *Westminster Theological Seminary/PCPC Bookstore*
Mr. Ben Laugelli, *Evangelism Advisor*

11:00

Mr. Brian Zerangue, *E-Ministry Coordinator*
Mr. Colin Howland, *Organist/Director of Music*
Mr. Laugelli

The Morning Sermon "A Scandalous Background"

Dr. Ryan

*A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David,
the son of Abraham... Matthew 1.1*

***Closing Hymn No. 133** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

Stanzas: 1, 4, 5

***Benediction**

Minister: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine
upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward
you and give you peace.

People: **THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!**

Postlude

*If you desire to know more about Jesus Christ, or wish prayer for
any reason, please come to the Parlor(Room 205) located next to
the Information Center, following the worship service where
Elders and Prayer Leaders will be available to pray with you.*

*Do you have a question about PCPC or want to find a Sunday School Community?
Following each service, please come to the Information Center located in the south
hallway of the building adjacent to the sanctuary. "Ask Me" volunteers are also
available at every entrance to assist you.*

*The flowers in our worship services this morning are given to the glory of God
and in memory of our dear friend, Bob Deering by his PCPC Dinner Group.*

***The Congregation stands.**

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A Service of Lessons and Carols Tonight - 7:00 pm

Please bring non-perishable food items for community ministries.