



CHRIST *the* REDEEMER

Advent

December 3, 2023, 10:30a



The Prophet Micah
Stained Glass

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Micah 5:2

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 80:1-7

Leader— Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!

**Congregation—Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Leader—O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

**Congregation—Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Opening Prayer

Song of Praise, King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus—

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side

Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Personal Confession of Sin (in silence)

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, have mercy upon us, sinful offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who repent; according to your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of the Gospel

Galatians 4:1-7

The heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Song of the Gospel, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

O come Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

Chorus—

Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come Desire of nations bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy strife and quarrels cease
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

—Lighting of the Candle of Hope—

Leader— We light the Candle of Hope today as we anticipate and look for our coming King. May we all stay awake and alert, having our resolve strengthened, our eyes fixed heavenward, and awake at all times—knowing that our Redemption is drawing near.

International Missions Focus

Children ages 4 to 6 are dismissed to Children's Church

We love for the corporate worship gathering to be a family-friendly time, however, please feel free to either use overflow space in the office suite or check your children into the nursery/children's church if they are finding it difficult to sit through the service. Children's interactive bulletins are also available in the foyer.

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament, Isa 64:1-9a
(Page 623 in the Pew Bible)

Leader—This is the word of the Lord
Congregation—Thanks be to God

Gospel, Mark 13:24-37
(Page 850 in the Pew Bible)

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Pastoral Prayer and The 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 the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sermon, "Preparing for Our King: Guiltless"

Pastor Matt Wireman

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

(Page 952 in the Pew Bible)

Song of Response, I Wait

O restless heart do not grow weary
Hold on to faith and wait
The God of love He will not tarry
No He is never late

Chorus—

So I wait in the promise I wait in the hope
Yes I wait in the power
of God's unending love

Be still and rest secure my soul
He knows what's best for me
Here in my patience lies the goal
To wait and trust in Thee

Even through my imperfections
His light is shining through
Though dim I am still a reflection
Of His mercy and His truth

Chalcedonian Creed—

We, then, following the holy Church, all with one consent, teach men to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in humanity.

Truly God and truly man, of a rational soul and body; consubstantial with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to humanity.

In all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the virgin Mary, the mother of God, according to humanity; one and the

same Christ, Son, Lord, only begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably.

The distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning have declared concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Church has handed down to us.

The Lord's Supper

Please come forward, when you like, to share from the common bread, which signifies our oneness in Christ. It is also gluten free to enable as many to partake as feasible. Then take from the individual servings of wine or juice, which signifies our individual discipleship with Jesus. You may leave your cup at the table or take it back to your seat and drink it there.

Song of Communion, Grace and Peace

Grace and peace oh how can this be
For lawbreakers and thieves
For the worthless the least
You have said that our judgment is death
For all eternity without hope without rest

Chorus—

Oh what an amazing mystery
What an amazing mystery
That Your grace has come to me

Grace and peace oh how can this be
The matchless King of all
Paid the blood price for me

Slaughtered Lamb
what atonement You bring
The vilest sinner's heart
Can be cleansed can be free

Grace and peace oh how can this be
Let songs of gratefulness
Ever rise never cease
Loved by God and called as a saint
My heart is satisfied
In the riches of Christ

Chorus—

Oh what an amazing love I see
What an amazing love I see
That Your grace has come to me

Benediction

Commissioning:

Pastor— Let us go into the world as children of God and servants of Christ to love and serve others.

Congregation—Thanks be to God!

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye, heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayers

Greenville

We pray this week for **Pendleton Place**. We thank God for their presence in **Greenville** and praise him for how they have helped vulnerable children and young adults find stability.

United States

God, please bless the **orphanages** and **foster care system** within our **nation**. Please protect the souls and minds of the children who find themselves in the care of these systems, and let them know love that is unexplainable. Guide caring people to adopt and foster children in need.

World

Lord, we lift up **Joe and Karen, our friends** who are serving as missionaries to **Central Asia**. Make your presence real to them, so they know that they are never alone. Give them encouragement to continue in their efforts, even when they do not see the fruit of their labor.

Announcements

English Club | Tuesday Nights, 6-8p

Fellowship Meal | Dec 10th, after service

Joint Worship Service w/Tabernacle Baptist | Dec 31st

Freedom That Lasts | Starting in the New Year. For more info, contact Ben Marshall
(bmarshall@freedomthatlasts.com)

Note: *Children are a blessing from the Lord but may have trouble sitting through an entire service. Parents who would like to tend to their children may utilize the Augustine Library in the lower level.*



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We are united by our Core Values

Community | Discipleship | Liturgy | Mercy + Mission | Simplicity

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