



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Service of Worship
First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

11:05am

Gathering all People in a Caring Christian Community

GATHERING CHIMES

Linda Dover, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign and pass the Grace Greetings books at this time.)

INTROIT

“He Comes to Us, Begotten”
Incorporating DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
Chris Krug & Celia Nicholas, co-directors

by Chris Krug

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus is coming soon!

ALL: We are watching and waiting.

One: The Prince of Peace is coming soon!

ALL: We are watching and waiting.

One: The Light of the World is coming soon!

ALL: Let's get ready! Jesus is coming! Amen!

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *(see insert)*

Jerel & Kathy Williams and grandson, Lukas Williams, readers

*HYMN SING

(an opportunity to sing your favorite hymns of the season)

COME AS A CHILD

*(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to **Awakening to Worship**, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing.)*

Sing 114, v. 3

“Away in a Manger”

*Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care;
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(spoken together)*

God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. For our greed and selfishness, forgive us, O God. For our dishonesty and wastefulness, forgive us, O God. For our quarreling and jealousy, forgive us, O God. Forgive us our sins, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you and everyone.

All: And also with you and all others!

(Let us greet one another with expressions of Jesus' love.)

*HYMN 93

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

*Equipping People to Develop and
Share a Faith that Works in Real Life*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 13:8-14

Brandon Hearn

(New Testament, Page 162)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words,
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“The Last Words of David”

Music by Randall Thompson

Chancel Choir

Text 2 Samuel 23:3, 4

*He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth,
even a morning without clouds, as the tender grass
springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.
Alleluia. Amen.*

READING

“Marley's Ghost”

From “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens

Scrooge: Don Wilson; Marley's Ghost: Don Erckert; Narrator: Anne Stroud

SERMON

“Bah Humbug!”

Rev. Sue Trigger

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

Voluntary on “Von Himmel Hoch”
(from Geistliche Lieder, 1539)

arr. Gordon Young

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 forgive 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

When passing the bread say: “The bread of life given for you.”

When passing the wine/juice say: “The cup of hope poured out for you.”

Responses may be: “Thanks be to God,” “Amen,” or “Alleluia.” (Trays contain red wine and white grape juice. For a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring them to you.)

Communion of the People

(The trays contain red wine and white grape juice. If you prefer gluten-free crackers, notify an usher and an elder will bring them to you.)

Communion Music

“Advent Carols”

by Mark Hayes

Prayer After Communion

Sending People to Serve Christ in the World

*HYMN 105

“People Look East”

BESANÇON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

by Johann Pachelbel

“Nun lasst uns Gott dem Herren (Dank segnen)”

Now let us to God, the Lord, give thanks.

Linda Dover, organ

****If convenient/able, please stand.***

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