



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 2, 2018

8:50am

Service of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

Gathering All People in a Caring Christian Community

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*HYMN SING

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

Christmas Medley

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Go Tell It

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Arr. by Dan Chapman

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)*

Michelle Gailliez-Frye & Andrew Frye and Family, *readers*

COME AS A CHILD

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.)

*SINGING

Come and Fill This Place

By Brent Helming

I Lift My Hands

By Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio
and Matt Maher

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

(New Testament, Page 162)

Jami Howe

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words,
Thanks be to God!

READING

"Marley's Ghost"

From "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens

Scrooge: Mitch Trigger; Marley's Ghost: Ky Townsend; Narrator: Nancy Kalesz

SERMON

"Bah Humbug!"

Rev. Sue Trigger

Sending People to Serve in the World

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

...Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(The congregation will come forward, stopping at the chancel steps to receive communion by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then move to where the chalice is. Dip your bread into the cup when it is presented to you. Then return to your seat by way of the side aisles. The chalice on your right contains white grape juice while the one on your left contains red wine. If you prefer not to move, or prefer a gluten-free option, notify an usher and an elder will bring the elements to you.)

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

*SINGING

Cornerstone

By Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero
and William Batchelder Bradbury

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

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