

Lord's Day Service – Second Sunday in Advent

December 9, 2012

Prelude: We silently prepare our hearts to worship our Lord

We appreciate the sounds of friends greeting each other and the words of welcome that are exchanged. They are evidence of the love and care we have for one another. However, when the musical prelude begins, we ask that our conversations be brought to a close and our attention turned to some quiet meditation in preparation to worship our Lord.

Entrance – God Calls Us to Worship

*** Call to Worship** Isaiah 42:1-10a

*** Hymn of Praise** Trinity Hymnal, #330
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

*** Salutation & Responsive Scripture**

Minister: He is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Luke 24:6, 34
Minister: The Lord be with you!
People: And also with you! Ruth 2:4
Minister: Our help is in the name of Yahweh,
People: Who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8
Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit!
People: Amen! Matthew 28:19

Purification – We Confess Our Sins to God

O most holy, righteous, and gracious God, we acknowledge that You have appointed death to be the wages of sin. We confess that we are sinners, being conceived in sin and by nature children of wrath. In our sinful pride we have dishonored and turned from You -- exalting, seeking, and pleasing ourselves. You are the King of all the world and Your laws are holy, just and good. But we have denied You our due subjection and obedience, serving the things of the flesh, and making provision for its lusts. We have sinned secretly and openly, in thought and in deed, ignorantly and presumptuously; and all of our sin we have committed in Your sight. But for the glory of Your mercy You have sent Your Son to be the Savior of the world, and have promised forgiveness of sin through His blood, to all that believe in Him, and by true repentance turn unto You. Through Christ we pray that You would have mercy upon us, O God, according to the multitude of Your mercies. Heal, forgive, and accept us in Your beloved Son, who was made a curse for us. We confess and pray to You in Jesus' name, Amen.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

Minister: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news! God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us. He has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us of all our sins.

People: Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen.

Ascension – God Consecrates Us by His Word

Minister: Lift up your hearts! Psalm 86:4
People: We lift them up to the Lord! Lam 3:41
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
People: It is proper and right to do so! Psalm 92:1
Minister: Truly, it is proper, right, and our duty that we should at all times, and in all places, give praise to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting King. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

*** Hymn of Preparation** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
(See insert)

*** Prayer**

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*** Lesson from the Old Testament** 2 Kings 22:1 – 23:3

*** Lesson from the New Testament** Luke 1:26-38

Sermon “Josiah & the Book of the Law of God's Covenant”

Tribute – We Offer Ourselves through Tithes

*** Hymn of Consecration** Trinity Hymnal, #146
Lift Up Your Heads (spirited tempo)

***Presentation & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings**

Prayers of the Church Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace – We Commune with God

Words of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God **Creed** (inside hymnal cover)

*** Hymn of Thanksgiving** *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!*
(See insert)

Benediction – God Commissions & Blesses Us

*** The Lord's Commission of Us** **Hebrews 12:25-29**

*** We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us** **Hebrews 13:20-21**

*** We Bless the LORD, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him** **Gloria Patri**

*** Threefold Amen & Postlude**

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sermon Notes – December 9, 2012

Josiah & the Book of the Law of God's Covenant Text: 2 Kings 22:1--23:3

1. Josiah righteously walks like David before Yahweh
 - A. Josiah, a product of the sovereign and triumphant _____ of God (22:1-2)
 - B. Josiah _____ and reforms the worship of Judah (22:3-7; 2 Chr 34:3-8), and it happily produces the discovery of the lost Book of the Law (22:8-10).
2. Josiah righteously hears Yahweh's words
 - A. He is _____ to the heart for the dishonor done to God and the ruin coming upon Judah (22:11-13)
 - B. How to be gathered to your grave in peace: be tenderhearted and _____ yourself before the Lord and His word (22:14-20)
3. Josiah righteously _____ to walk faithfully before Yahweh and the people
 - A. As the Book of the Covenant was read to him, so he reads it to all the men of Judah (23:1-2)
 - B. As he _____ covenant with Yahweh, so the people follow his lead and do likewise (23:3)

Announcements

Singing Practice

We will have singing practice in the sanctuary following the Fellowship Break this morning.

Fellowship Meal

Please join us for a Fellowship Meal following the morning services.

Scripture Memory

Our Scripture memory text is Luke 2. This week review v 1-7 and learn v 8-9.

8 *And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

9 *And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*

Calvin: "It would have been to no purpose that Christ was born in Bethlehem, if it had not been made known to the world. But the method of doing so, which is described by Luke, appears to the view of men very unsuitable. First, Christ is revealed but to a few witnesses, and that too amidst the darkness of night. Again, though God had, at his command, many honorable and distinguished witnesses, he passed by them, and chose shepherds, persons of humble rank, and of no account among men...we must acknowledge, that *the foolishness of God* (1 Cor 1:25) excels all the wisdom that appears to exist in the world. But this too was a part of the *emptying of himself* (Phil 2:6) not that any part of Christ's glory should be taken away by it, but that it should lie in concealment for a time.

Ladies Study

The ladies of the church will meet for Bible Study and a Christmas party this Tuesday, December 11th, 6:30 pm at the church. Be prepared to discuss the final lesson (#12) from "Paul's Letters to Maturing Churches." All ladies are welcome to attend the party even if they have not previously participated in the Bible study. The new study for January will be *The True Woman* by Susan Hunt. See Sandy, Judy, or Barb for details and/or book.

Lessons & Carols

Lessons & Carols Service, Sunday night, December 23.

Catechism

In January we will be encouraging families and individuals to re-memorize and review the Westminster Shorter Catechism (two questions/week), which is a workable summary of what we confess that the Scriptures teach. We have copies of the WSC and the Children's Catechism in west hall bookshelf.

Set-up Teams

Set-up teams should arrive at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. If your family cannot set-up on your assigned week, please swap with another family and notify both team leaders (*).

NEXT WEEK:

Team 2 December 16 Dykema*, Greenwald, Jens, Kelling, Ruchti

FOLLOWING WEEKS:

Team 3 December 23 J Hummel*, Cox, B Dykema, D Dykema, Zitzke

Team 4 December 30 J Pennington*, Dietzel, Nader, Nagle, N Pennington

Team 5 January 6 S Reich*, Burie, Gerth

Team 1 January 13 Kingsley*, Cotey, K Hummel, Markert