

# Calvin Sinclair & Christ Presbyterian Congregations

Meeting during December at 2000 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NW  
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December 8, 2019



Supply Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

## Christ Presbyterian and Calvin Sinclair Congregations 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

10:30 A.M.

Thought as we enter to worship:

The Westminster Confession, as a statement of faith, was an effort to reform the Church of England to make in greater conformity with the Church of Scotland and was adopted by the Church of Scotland in 1648. From this statement sprang a catechism; a list of 107 questions with answers to be taught to children of Presbyterians. The first is the most famous of those questions: "What is the chief end of man?" meaning, "Why were we created, what is our purpose?" The answer: "The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever". That is the reason we were created.

We were made to make God look good in the eyes of the world around us and we were made to have a relationship with God as a friendship to enjoy.

**GATHERING MUSIC** Angel Suite arr. by Phillip Keveren

Singing Now of Christmas with God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen arr. Brant Adams

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

***THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP***

**THE PRELUDE** Roy Stover

(a time to quiet our hearts and focus our attention on The Lord God and the marvelous love given to us in Christ Jesus.)

**LIGHTING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ADVENT CANDLE:** Ellen Healey and Judi Albert

**THE INTROIT -- CHANCEL CHOIR** Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP PSALM 72 :1-4 & 18-19 MSG**

Leader: Give the gift of wise rule to the king, O God, the gift of just rule to the crown prince. May he judge your people rightly, be honorable to your meek and lowly. Let the mountains give exuberant witness; shape the hills

with the contours of right living. Please stand up for the poor, help the children of the needy, come down hard on the cruel tyrants.

**All: Blessed God, Israel's God, the one and only wonder-working God! Blessed always his blazing glory! All earth brims with his glory. Yes and Yes and Yes.**

**\*THE HYMN OF PRAISE #5 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION** Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy. **Proverbs 28:13 | NIV |**

**THE TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Today on this 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Sunday, Holy God, speak to our hearts. You know what motivates us. Often we are seeking only our own good, even though your word calls us to open our eyes to the needs of those around us. We are comfortable with our faith, regard it as too personal to share, and your world suffers. Give us courage to boldly live what we say we believe and let us speak words that would encourage others to place their faith in your Son, whose birth we celebrate in this season. Forgive us for being so self-centered. Remind us that your Holy Spirit lives within us leading us to be Christ-centered. We offer our prayers in his name. Amen.

**THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: Romans 15:4-6 MSG**

He (Jesus) didn't make it easy for himself by avoiding people's troubles, but waded right in and helped out. "I took on the troubles of the troubled," is the way Scripture puts it. Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can be sure it's written for *us*. God wants the combination of his steady, constant calling and warm, personal counsel in Scripture to come to characterize *us*, keeping us alert for whatever he will do next. May our dependably steady and warmly personal God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all. Then we'll be a choir—not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus!

**THE GLORIA #567 "Glory to the Father"**

***THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD OF GOD***

**BY READING GOD'S WORD: Luke 1:26-38**

**THROUGH CHILDREN'S TIME :**

**THROUGH MUSIC: CHANCEL CHOIR – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY PRESENTING TITHES AND OFFERINGS***

**THE CALL TO DEDICATION:**

**THE OFFERTORY To A Maid Engaged to Joseph Margaret Morey & Ellen Healey #579 "THE DOXOLOGY"**

**THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

Holy God, we are the recipients of your constant mercies, and our lives have such an abundance that we are encouraged to give. We remember those who have so little and whose future seems so bleak. Help us not only to share what we have in terms of worldly goods, but also the Christ who offers the best hope. We don't want to be just another social service agency doing good, we want to be a part of the church of Jesus Christ, doing good in his name. Help us to know how to make your family grow. We give in the name of the One who gave himself for us. Amen

***THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE INVITED TO BRING OUR PETITIONS TO GOD***

**THE PRAYER HYMN: #600 Song of Mary**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**The Time of Silent Prayer**

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**We Pray Together: 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.**

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY LISTENING***

**THE MESSAGE: "Let it Be"**

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY SHARING IN THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION.***

**Infant Holy, infant Lowly Inspired by Debussy's Reflect dans l'eau  
arr. by Faye Lopez**

***AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD, WE ARE CALLED OUT TO SERVE GOD'S KINGDOM***  
**THE CLOSING HYMN: #525 Here I am Lord**

**THE CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

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\*Please rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.