

Calvin Sinclair & Christ Presbyterian Congregations

Meeting during December at 2000 1st Ave. NW
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December 1, 2019



Christ Presbyterian and Calvin Sinclair Congregations 1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

10:30 A.M.

Called to love, serve and witness.

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

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

THE INTROIT – CHANCEL CHOIR "Come Sunday"

CALL TO WORSHIP: ISAIAH 7:10-14 MSG

LEADER: GOD spoke again to King Ahaz. This time he said, "Ask for a sign from your GOD. Ask anything. Be extravagant. Ask for the moon!" But Ahaz said, "I'd never do that. I'd never make demands like that on GOD!"

All: So Isaiah told him, “Then listen to this, government of David! It’s bad enough that you make people tired with your pious, timid hypocrisies, but now you’re making God tired. So the Master is going to give you a sign anyway. Watch for this: A girl who is presently a virgin will get pregnant. She’ll bear a son and name him Immanuel (God-With-Us).

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE #9 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

*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 as this Advent Season begins, Holy God, speak to our hearts. Show us those attitudes and behaviors that keep us from your wonderful presence. Help us to see your grace extended to us and give us wisdom to run to you seeking forgiveness. Give us a heart so full of you that those around us will be impressed with you and want to experience your love. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: ROMANS 13:11-14 MSG

But make sure that you don’t get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can’t afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don’t loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

THE GLORIA #“Glory Be to the Father”

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

BY READING GOD’S WORD: Luke 1:5-25

THROUGH CHILDREN’S TIME Surprise!

THROUGH MUSIC: CHANCEL CHOIR – “We Wait” Clarinet: Pam Patrick

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD BY PRESENTING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE CALL TO DEDICATION: Forgive us our Christmases

THE OFFERTORY

#579 “THE DOXOLOGY”

THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Holy God, we give thanks that you have given us this good land, this abundance of your mercies. Now we ask that you use these tithes and offerings to help your Kingdom go forward, as you have planned. Help us to hold forth Christ as the hope of all and the answer he was sent to be. We give in his name. Amen

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

THE PRAYER HYMN: #2 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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: “OH NO! NOT NOW!

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

AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD, WE ARE CALLED OUT TO SERVE GOD’S KINGDOM

THE CLOSING HYMN: #601 Song of Zachariah

THE CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE

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