

Calvin Sinclair & Christ Presbyterian Congregations

Meeting during December at 2000 1st Ave. NW
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December 15, 2019



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The Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey
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Judith Albert

Christ Presbyterian and Calvin Sinclair Congregations 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

10:30 A.M.

Thought as we enter to worship:

Psalm 95:6 ESV /Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Worship is the right response to what we see God doing, revealed to us by the Holy Spirit which is given because we trust Jesus Christ. The gracious and glorious presence of God enters our hearts and in response, God's people gather to worship. This happens because of God's action. We understand we are not worthy of God's attention. If we are going to worship this one and only God we need to be cleansed of our sin. We can't do that for ourselves. God has provided for our need once again. God has given us a Savior who is Christ the Lord. He is the righteous One who took our sins upon Himself enabling us to come boldly into God's presence. As we worship God it is the Spirit who empowers us to respond with fear and adoration, confession and commitment.

GATHERING MUSIC "O Little Town of Bethlehem" arr. by Mac Huff
"Shepherds' Dream" by Carol Klose
"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 (a time to quiet our hearts and focus our attention on The Lord God and the marvelous love given to us in Christ Jesus.)

“We Three Kings of Orient Are” arr. by Mac Huff

LIGHTING THE 3rd ADVENT CANDLE: Christ & Ashley Ogden

THE INTROIT -- CHANCEL CHOIR Go Tell it on the Mountain

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** MICAH 5:2-4 MSG

LEADER: But you, Bethlehem, David’s country- the runt of the litter—From you will come the leader, who will shepherd-rule Israel. He’ll be no upstart, no pretender. His family tree is ancient and distinguished.

All: Meanwhile, Israel will be in foster homes, until the birth pangs are over and the child is born, and the scattered brothers come back home to the family of Israel.

He will stand tall in his shepherd-rule by GOD’s strength, centered in the majesty of GOD-Revealed. And the people will have a good and safe home, for the whole world will hold him in respect— Peacemaker of the world!

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE #22** Angels From The Realms of Glory (vs. 1 & 4)

***CALL TO CONFESSION** If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 NIV

THE TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

THE UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Today, on this 3rd Advent Sunday, Holy God, we come to you in prayer not by the power of our righteousness but by your invitation. Such an invitation prompts us to examine our hearts. We know we have sinned against you and those we know and love. We can’t earn forgiveness. We cannot claim we have changed our ways and therefore you should reward us. Thank you for the forgiveness that comes through Jesus Christ and his perfect sacrifice. Your plan is best. Help us to join you in sharing this Good News with our world today. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE: James 5:10&11 MSG

Take the old prophets as your mentors. They put up with anything, went through everything, and never once quit, all the time honoring God. What a gift life is to those who stay the course! You’ve heard, of course, of Job’s staying power, and you know how God brought it all together for him at the end. That’s because God cares, cares right down to the last detail.

THE GLORIA #579 “Glory Be to the Father”

THROUGH CHILDREN’S TIME Sharing with the Devil

THROUGH MUSIC: CHANCEL CHOIR – “Emmanuel” arr. by Stan Pethel

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

THE CALL TO DEDICATION: Giving her all!

THE OFFERTORY “The First Noel” arr. by Mac Huff

#592 The Doxology “*Responding in Praise*”

THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

Holy God, we give thanks for a life of such abundance and blessings. You have loaded our lives and stocked our shelves with plenty so that we might bless others. Thank you that we have these opportunities to be your hands in this generation. Use these blessings we have gathered today to help spread the Good News of your LOVE given in Christ Jesus. He has been, and still is and always will be the best hope of every generation. We give in his name. Amen

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

THE PRAYER HYMN: #11 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

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: "From Dubious to Determined"***

AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD, WE ARE CALLED OUT TO SERVE GOD'S KINGDOM
THE CLOSING HYMN: #13 Prepare The Way
THE CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD OF GOD
BY READING GOD'S WORD: Luke 1:5-25

POSTLUDE

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