
Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship¹

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7, 2008

** Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

Greetings & Life of the Church

Meditation

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

...

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD,
do I seek." Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in
anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O
God of my salvation! For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.

...

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of
the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

— Psalm 27:1, 7-10, 13-14

Lighting the First Advent Candle

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the
Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made
through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In
him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the
darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ... And the Word
became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of
the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... Again Jesus
spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me
will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 1:1-5, 14; 8:12

Prayer

¹ "Worship" is not something that WE initiate; not primarily something that WE do for GOD; rather, God calls us to worship as a means of His grace by which to shape and tune US to declare and display HIS glory in Christ for HIS pleasure and our good.

God Gathers His People ...

You will say in that day: ...

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

Isaiah 12:1a, 2

**Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

#207

**Invocation & Lord's Prayer*

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come; Thy will be done in 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.

Amen²

God Tunes the Heart of His People ...

... by Opening Our Eyes to See Christ Our Savior ...

Congregation Left: What Child is this who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is
sleeping? ... Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are
feeding?

Congregation Right: This? This is Christ the King! ... Good Christian,
fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. Nails, spear, shall pierce
him through; the cross be borne for me, for you: hail, hail the Word made
flesh, the babe, the Son of Mary.

... resulting in Praise to our God through Christ our Lord

**Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*

#221

² "Amen" grows from the Hebrew root meaning "true and faithful;" we pray with hope and confidence because our covenant God is "true and faithful" to his covenant promises.

... God Teaches His People...

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

Message

The Promise of Revelation

**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

#216

Celebration of Communion

God's People Respond to His Word by Faith...

**Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise him, all creatures here below!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen

We Offer Ourselves & Our Resources to Him

God Sends His People ...

** ... with Rejoicing*

Go, Tell It on the Mountain, #224

** ... and the Benediction³ of His Grace*

Leader: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine
upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and
give you peace so that all the peoples may say,

Congregation: "Amen! Our LORD is faithful!" Praise the LORD.

³ "Benediction" is the "good Word" of God's blessing by which He secures, sustains and equips his people by his steadfast, covenantal love in Christ for the display of His glory

For Individual & Family Worship
Second Week of Advent, December 7, 2008

("Advent Devotions" taken from Covenant Magazine. Visit www.LivingChrist360.com each Friday for meditations on the Scripture passages for that week.)

Scripture Reading:

- Monday:** Psalm 16; Psalm 22
Tuesday: Psalm 72
Wednesday: Psalm 110
Thursday: Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-7
Friday: Isaiah 11:1-10
Saturday: Isaiah 42:1-10

Hymn:

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (Trinity, #216)

1. Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing: 'Christ the babe is Lord of all! Christ the babe is Lord of all!'
2. Flocks were sleeping: shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow: "Christ the babe was born for you! Christ the babe was born for you."

Prayer in Fellowship with the Church:

O you who are everywhere present, filling yet transcending all things; ever acting, ever at rest; you who teach the hearts of the faithful without noise of words: teach us, we pray you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[... For] through him he has called us out of darkness into the light, out of ignorance into the knowledge of his glory, so that we might hope, Lord you're your name, for it is the foundation of all creation. Amen.

-- Augustine of Hippo (354-430 A.D.) and Clement of Rome (d. c. 92-101 A.D.)

The Candles Of Advent

Starting the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ending on Christmas Eve, the season of Advent is when we celebrate the coming of Christ into the world as a tiny baby born in Bethlehem. Advent candles provide a guide through these weeks, sharing with us the messages of our salvation in Jesus

Be enlightened! One candle glows the first week of Advent, then two, three and four are lit in the weeks following. As we watch the light of candles glow and grow each week, we are reminded that our souls are being enlightened as well by the message of this season: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). Jesus, who is our Light, comes into our world and continues to dispel the darkness of sin, death, and the devil.

Get ready! Advent is when we "prepare the way for the Lord" (Mark 1:3). The candles serve as signals to us to brighten things up around our home and our church in preparation for Jesus' entry into our midst. Just as the brides demonstrated their expectation of the bridegroom's arrival, our work to decorate is one way to demonstrate our expectation of our Guest's arrival which brings rejoicing and celebration!

Wait and see! The Advent candles provide us with a way to count the weeks until Christmas. They subtly teach us that waiting is a part of the process of God's unfolding plan. "At just the right time, God sent his Son," Galatians 4:4 says. Advent helps us remember that we are living in God's time, not our own.

Gather Round! The candles of Advent (most often arranged in the form of a circle) beckon us to gather round to worship and pray, to give thanks and sing, to read God's Word together and share our experiences. We do this when we come to church on Sunday mornings and when we sit around the dinner table with family and friends. The candles of Advent make us realize how important it is to love one another as God has loved us in Christ, our Lord.

Poinsettias for the decoration of the sanctuary during the weeks of Advent are given with thanksgiving for the glory and faithfulness of our God through Jesus Christ as displayed in the lives of His children:

Bishop Henry & Downs Henry
Irene Cox & Bishop Henry
Guy Stonecypher & Clark Blaylock
Maxine "Mackie" McGregor
Henry & Terry Thomason
Raymond Campbell
Charles & Lillie Morse
Charles Jr & Jane Morse
Luke Michal
Lynda Henry

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Edward Henry
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Todd Keith
Wayne & Claude Burke
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Hilda Morse
Hilda Morse
John & Barb Michal
Edward Henry

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