

Pultneyville Reformed Church

Worship Service

November 28, 2021 ❖ First Sunday of Advent

Preparing Our Hearts For Worship

Life Of The Congregation/Joys And Concerns

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Votum

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God Creator of heaven and earth.

P: Amen.

Sentences -- *Psalm 25:1-10*

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

P: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

L: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

P: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

L: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

P: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

L: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

P: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

L: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

P: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Salutation -- *Philippians 1:2*

* Opening Hymn: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Prayer of Confession -- *Book of Common Worship PCUSA*

God of Advent, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison -- *spoken*

Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon -- *Isaiah 54:8*

L: Believe this Gospel and go forth to live in peace.

P: Amen.

Summary of the Law -- *Matthew 22:37-40*

* Gloria Patri -- *sung*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Advent Wreath

Advent Hymn: “All Earth Is Waiting” *Verse 1*

The Word of God in Proclamation

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon: “Advent Faith”

Prayer For Blessing

* Confession of Faith: Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

* The Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Our Response to God's Grace

Offering

* Doxology -- "Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, we are grateful for your constant presence in our lives. We acknowledge that every perfect gift in our lives is a gift from you. We have listened to your guidance, directing us to offer you our first fruits. So, we now join in this generous act of giving. We pray that these resources may care for your children everywhere who are experiencing distress. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

* Closing Hymn: "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

* Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to the Pultneyville Reformed Church
“A community of faith seeking to express, in all of life, the mind of Christ”

Everything you need to participate fully in worship is found in the bulletin. Please rise at the places indicated by an (*) if you are able.

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Amy Burdett (2023)
Mark Lagoner (2023)
John Setchell (2022)

Deacons

Chip Bailey (2023)
Craig DeNagel (2023)
Paul Heilman (2022)
Gary Orbaker (2022)

OUR MISSIONARIES

Nathan & Nozomi Brownell

Kenneth, Raymond, Luke
Japan
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Luca, Sofia, Mila
Romania
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OUR SUNDAY TO SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sunday – November 28th

8:40 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Worship

Saturday – December 4th

11:00 Betty Wayman's Memorial Service

Sunday – December 5th

8:40 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Worship

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Eric Titus

Organist/Choir Director: Morgan Markel

Liturgist: Nancy Titus

Elder: Amy Burdett

To continue to keep our congregation safe and healthy following the small outbreak of covid in our congregation and Thanksgiving celebrations the following activities have been cancelled or postponed:

Worship will be streamed live on Facebook for Sunday, November 28th and December 5th except for choir members. Choir members will practice as usual at 8:40 and participate in worship. Facemasks are required at all times.

Advent Bible Study is cancelled until next year. If you already picked up a book you can keep it until next year or return it to the Agape Room.

November 29th Yoga is cancelled.

December 2nd Caring Hands is cancelled.

December 5th Congregational Meeting has been postponed until January.

Betty Wayman's Memorial Service will be held in our sanctuary on Saturday, December 4th at 11:00 a.m. with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall. Facemasks are required. This service will also be streamed live on Facebook.

PRC's Angel Tree program has been moved to online again this year. Go to <https://www.giftster.com/gift/WnpU4/> to browse and choose an "angel" or food/hygiene item. Click on the items for more information and suggested gift ideas. Select "reserve" or "purchase" to choose your angel, and enter your name so that we know who has reserved the angel in case we need to contact you. (You will not need to set up an account.) Shop for the item and return it to Fellowship Hall by noon on Sunday, December 19th. If purchasing gifts, please wrap the gift and label it with the angel number. Thank you for your support!

The deadline for the January issue of PRC Connections is Sunday, December 19th. Please submit items to Editor Sara Scileppi at Scileppi@aol.com.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Descant

4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;
F Dm Gm7 F C B^b Csus C F

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.
Dm A7 Dm C B^b F Csus C7 F

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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57 Toda la tierra/All Earth Is Waiting

Spanish 1 To - da la tie - rra es - pe-ra, al Sal - va - dor: vie - ne, atra -
English 1 All earth is wait-ing to see the Prom-ised One, and o-pen

er a los hom-bres la ver - dad, a sem - brar por el
 fur - rows a - wait the seed of God. All the world, bound and

mun - do se - mi - lias de a-mor. A to - dos los po-bre-as su
 strug-gling, seeks true lib - er - ty; it cries out for jus-tice and

bra - zo sal - va - rá. lle - nen de su luz!
 search - es for the truth. brings us lib - er - ty.

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Blessed Be the God of Israel

LUKE 1:68-79

Chord symbols: C, F, Gm7, Dm, C, Gm, C7, F, C, F, Gm7, Dm, Am, Gm, C7, F, C7, F, C, F, Gm7, C, F, Gm7, Dm, C, F, B^b, Csus, C7, F.

1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el, who comes to set us free
 2 With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
 3 My child, as proph-et of the Lord, you will pre-pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all,
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph-ets long de-clared that with a might-y arm
 that we might wor-ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in ho - li - ness and right-eous - ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.

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