

Pultneyville Reformed Church

Worship Service

December 4, 2022 ❖ Second Sunday in Advent

Preparing Our Hearts For Worship

Life Of The Congregation/Joys And Concerns

Our Approach to God

Votum

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

P: Amen.

Sentences -- *Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19*

L: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

P: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

L: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

P: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

L: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

P: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

L: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

P: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

L: Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

Salutation -- *Philippians 1:2*

* Opening Hymn No. 56: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Prayer of Confession – *adapted from Psalm 51*

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

L: Hope and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

L: Today is the second Sunday of Advent and we will light the candle of peace. Last Sunday we lit the first candle, the candle of hope, on our Advent Wreath. The first candle reminded us of our hope in Christ. Today we light this one again, along with the second candle, peace. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and we believe that he will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us, to rule the world wisely, bless all nations, and bring peace to all people.

(The candle of hope is lit)

As we light the second candle of peace, we remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace." When Jesus came, he taught people the importance of being peacemakers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us, he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again. We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

(The candle of peace is lit)

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle, we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ. Let us pray:

P: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Advent Song – Hymn No. 57: "All Earth Is Waiting" *Verses 1 & 2*

Anthem

The Word of God in Proclamation

Prayer of Illumination

Lectionary Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 15:4-13
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:1-12
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon: *“Coat-tail Christmas”*

Prayer For Blessing

* Confession of Faith: Apostles' 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.

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.

Our Response to God's Grace

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

* Communion Hymn No. 835: "One Bread, One Body"

Communion Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Mystery of the Faith

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Communion

Our Response to God's Grace

Thanksgiving after Communion – *Please see back inside cover of your hymnbook.*

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

* Closing Hymn No. 70: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" *Verses 1-2, 5*

Postlude

Response

L: And all God's people said:

P: Glory be to God, Amen and Amen.

* Benediction

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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Alison DeMarree (2024)
Mark Lagoner (2023)
Carolyn Youngs (2024)

Deacons

Chip Bailey (2023)
Craig DeNagel (2023)
Chelsea Manahan (2024)
Donna Reuter (2024)

OUR MISSIONARIES

Nathan & Nozomi Brownell

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Romania

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OUR SUNDAY TO SUNDAY CALENDAR

Sunday – December 4th

8:40 Choir rehearses
10:00 Worship in the sanctuary
11:15 Congregational Meeting

Thursday – December 8th

9:30 Advent Bible Study

Saturday – December 10th

9:00 Caring Hands
2:00 PRC Caroling Event

Sunday – December 11th

8:40 Choir rehearses
10:00 Worship in the sanctuary
7:00 Vespers Service at the Williamson United Methodist Church

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Eric Titus
Organist/Choir Director: Dr. Morgan Nikolov
Liturgist: Donna Reuter
Elder: Mark Lagoner
Greeter: Karen Manahan
Ushers: Tim and Cyndi Cappon
Coffee Host: Karen Manahan

This morning we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The communion offering is designated for our Deacon's Fund.

Our Congregational Meeting will be held this morning in Fellowship Hall following worship. Coffee and refreshments will be available in Fellowship Hall also.

The Parish Life Committee invite you to our PRC Christmas Caroling Event this Saturday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m. Meet in the west parking lot to board a wagon and we'll be on our way around the block singing our hearts out. Hot beverages will be provided. So, bring your family, friends and a blanket and join us for a festive time!

The Artisan Gate Theater presents the Wayne Community Band's Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 10th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the old Williamson Reformed Church, 6191 Bennett Street, Williamson.

The Williamson Fellowship of Church's Vespers Service will be held next Sunday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Williamson United Methodist Church.

Our Angel Tree is filled with angels bearing the gender, age and gift ideas for a particular person or family. It is also filled with food items for the families. We will be sponsoring four families this year. Please consider taking an angel or food item from the tree and shopping for the person/family listed on it. There is a box under the tree for monetary donations which will be used to buy gifts and food that have not been spoken for. All of the gifts, wrapped and with the angels attached to the outside of the gift need to be returned under the tree by **noon on Sunday, December 18th**. Food items should be left on the table in Fellowship Hall by the same date. Consistory members will deliver the food and gifts to the families. Thank you for your generosity!

Our Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held on Saturday, December 24th at 9:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.

A sign-up sheet for the Women's Retreat is now available on the board in Trinity Hall. The retreat will be held at Camp Fowler from February 10th through the 12th for a cost of \$150. The theme is "Come to the Table – A Recipe for Love".

The deadline for the January issue of our newsletter, PRC Connections is Sunday, December 18th. Please email your submissions to the church office at prc@pultneyville.org.

PRC Dates to Remember

Sunday, December 4 th	8:40	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship
	11:15	Congregational Meeting
Thursday, December 8 th	9:30	Advent Bible Study
Saturday, December 10 th	9:00	Caring Hands
	2:00	PRC Caroling Event
Sunday, December 11 th	8:40	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship
	7:00	FOC Vespers Service at the WUMC
Thursday, December 15 th	9:30	Advent Bible Study
	12:00	Caring Hands
Sunday, December 18 th	8:40	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship
	5:00	PRC Connections Deadline
Tuesday, December 20 th	9:00	Williamson FOC Meeting at PRC
Wednesday, December 21 st	7:00	Consistory
Thursday, December 22 nd	9:30	Advent Bible Study
Saturday, December 24 th	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Service
Sunday, December 25 th	10:00	Worship
Thursday, December 29 th	12:00	Caring Hands
Sunday, January 1 st	8:40	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Worship