



PROVIDENCE
CHURCH

Omnia et in omnibus Christus - Christ all and in all

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

The Lord's Service

December 3rd 2017

1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we at Providence Church open wide our doors and welcome all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; all who mourn and long for comfort; all who struggle and desire victory; all who sin and need the Savior; all who are strangers and want fellowship; all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; all who are poor in spirit and desire the riches of the gospel; all who will come to Jesus Christ in living faith and repentance, looking to Him as both Liberator and Lord. If you are a visitor of Providence Church, we are grateful that you have joined us in our highest privilege, worshipping the Triune God. We hope you stay and talk with us after the service so we can get to know you better. If you would like to talk to Pastor Brito throughout the week, please feel free to either call Him at 850.377.3049 or to email Him at uriesou@gmail.com. Please visit our website at www.providencepensacola.org.

God is Renewing His Covenant With His People

God Calls Us And Cleanses Us

Exhortation

The Comings of Jesus

Prelude

Miss Lydia Harris

Call to Worship (Please Stand)

Pastor: Let us worship God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 18:20; 28:19

People: Amen

Salutation: The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

People: And also with you!

I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 122:1-2

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Psalm 121:1-2

Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Dearly beloved brethren if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of heavenly grace.

Come, let us worship and bow down.

Psalm 95:6

People: And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

(Let all who are able kneel)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: In whom we live and move and have our being, our heavenly Father, your face is hidden from us because of our sins. Cleanse us, we pray, from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that we may, in lowliness and meekness, draw near to you. Confessing our faults and confiding in your grace, we look for your grace and mercy through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

(Continue Kneeling for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

(Rise and Hear the Good News of God's Forgiveness)

Pastor: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. On this day know surely Your sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 13:38

All: Thanks be to God. Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. Amen!

Hymn of Faith

Lift Up Your Heads, pgs. 224-225

People: Amen.

God Consecrates and Raises Up to Heaven

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

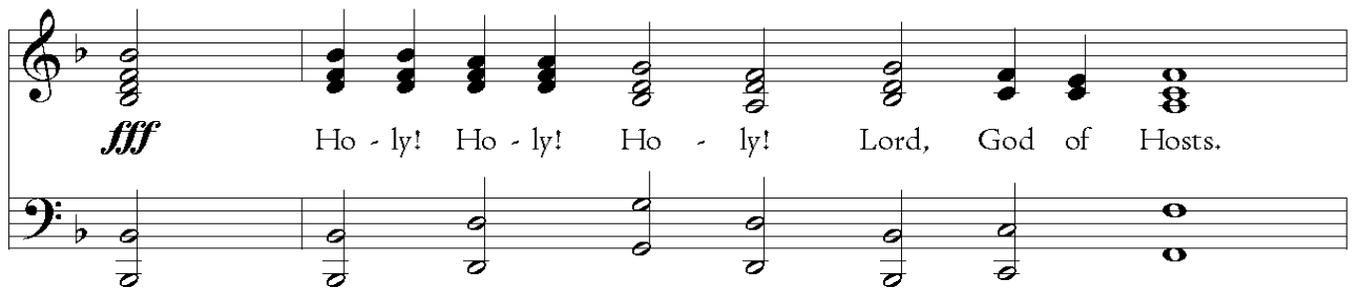
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us Give Thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

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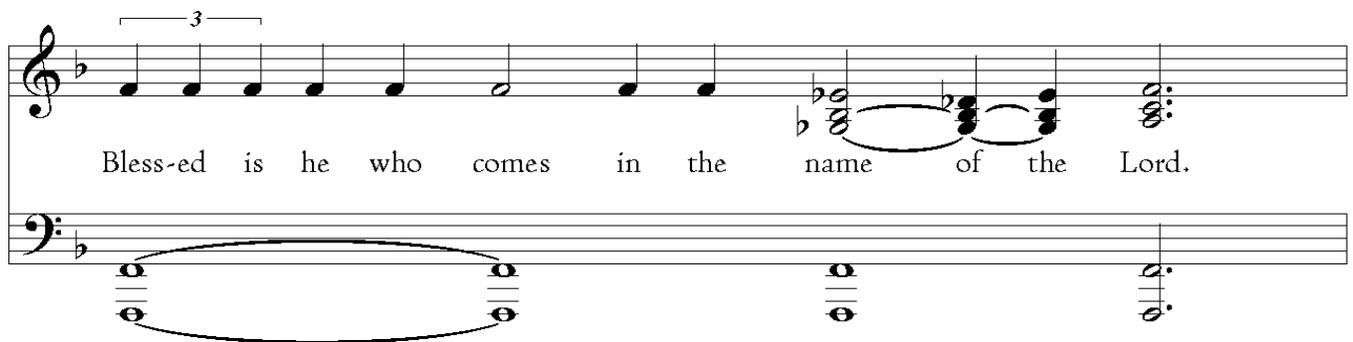
Pastor: Truly it is fitting, right, wholesome and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with all the Church on earth, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



fff Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.



Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo-ry! Ho-san-na in the High-est!



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san-na in the High-est!

**Responsive Psalm*

Pastor: By David. A psalm.

Yahweh's is the earth and her fullness,

People: The world and those who dwell in her,

Because he himself founded her upon the seas,

And upon the rivers he established her.

Who may ascend to Yahweh's mountain?

And who may stand in his holy place?

The clean of hands and pure of heart,

Who has not lifted up his soul to vanity,

And has not sworn to falsehood.

He will receive a blessing from Yahweh

And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of those who seek him,

Who seek your face, O Jacob. Selah.

Lift up your heads, O gates,

And be lifted up, O everlasting doors,

And the king of glory will come in!

Who is this king of glory?

Yahweh, strong and mighty!

Yahweh, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates,

And lift them up, you everlasting doors,

And the king of glory will come in!

Who is this king of glory?

Yahweh of hosts!

He is the king of glory! Selah.

All: Amen! Yes, Amen!

Confession of the Nicene Creed (*please remain standing*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral prayer and Sung Lord's Prayer (see hymnal's back cover)

Please respond at the end of each section:

Pastor: Father, bear our prayer!

People: For Your Steadfast Love Endures Forever!

Reading of God's Word (*Please Stand*)

Old Covenant Reading:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord.* **People: Thanks be to God.**

New Covenant Reading:

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord.* **People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People:

Mark 11:1-10

Pastor: *The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.* **People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Faith:

People: Amen.

The Advent of Our God, (Insert)

Sermon:

Pastor Uri Brito

Title:

Advent: Longing Well
(Outline on last page)

Text

Isaiah 64:1-9

Offertory:

(Ex. 23:15; 34:20; Dt. 16:16)

Pastor: *Let us worship God with our tithes and offerings.*

Hymn of Response

People: Amen.

Savior of the Nations, Come, pg. 225

Offertory Prayer

Pastor: *Christians, how do you respond to our Lord?*

People: We give only what the Lord has first given to us.

We present ourselves as living sacrifices,

And we offer the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.

We cheerfully give these tithes and offerings

In obedience to the Lord, for the glory of His Name,

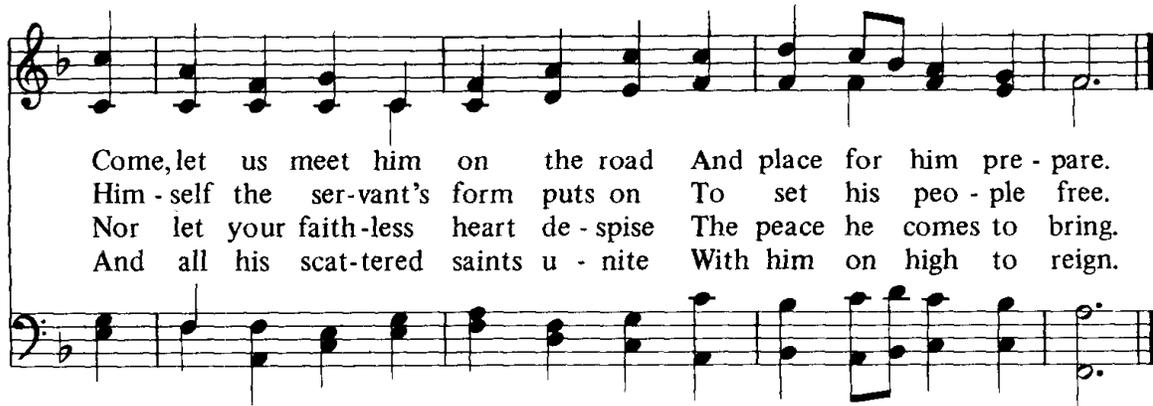
The health of the Church, and for the sake of the world. Amen.

The Advent of Our God

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1 The ad-vent of our God Shall be our theme for prayer;
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate stoops to be,
3 Come, Zi-on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly king,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



Come, let us meet him on the road And place for him pre - pare.
Him - self the ser - vant's form puts on To set his peo - ple free.
Nor let your faith-less heart de - spise The peace he comes to bring.
And all his scat-tered saints u - nite With him on high to reign.

5 Before the dawning day
Let sin be put to flight;
No longer let the law hold sway,
But walk in freedom's light.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

*Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.
Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76*

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God Communes With Us

The Lord's Supper is observed every Sunday as the climax of covenant renewal worship. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the Session of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the pastors before or after the service.

Celebration of Holy Communion *(Please be seated)*

Passing of the Bread ("The Lord be with you" "The Lord bless you")

Passing of the Wine ("The Peace of Christ be with you" "And also with you")

Congregational Response

Gloria Patri

(Please Stand with Hands Raised)

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, A-men, A-men.

God Commissions Us

The Lord's Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

Pastor: *Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord!*

People: Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever. AMEN!

Psalm 145:21

Closing Hymn:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, pg. 227

People: Amen!

Benediction

Omnia et in omnibus Christus • Christ all and in all *Numbers 6:24-26*

Threefold Amen

Pastor: *Go in Peace to Love and to Serve our Risen Christ!*

All: Amen!

Overview:

Isaiah 64:1-9

Overview: Life is repetitive. But every time it repeats itself, it adds a new perspective, a new vision. Every time we begin the calendar anew we are made new. The rhythms and cycles bring new depth and meaning to the recurrent patterns of our own.

Outline:

I. Human expectations

II. Advent is a training camp in waiting

III. God is building a palace within you

IV. Home from exile (Is.64)

V. The absence of God

VI. Don't waste advent

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