

Confession of Sin (*The congregation is invited to kneel if able*)

**Unison: O most holy and merciful Father, we come to you to acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Prince of Peace, the one who was crucified for us.** *Silent Prayer.*

Assurance of Pardon: (*Rise and Hear the Good News of God's Forgiveness*)

Pastor: God says, "Comfort, yes, comfort my people! Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned." Your heavenly Father sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem you from the curse of sin. Receive his promise of forgiveness by faith and rejoice in the assurance of God's favor. Amen!

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

\*Hymns of Faith: *Cantus*, pg. 4 Psalm 2  
*Cantus*, pg. 243 O Come, All Ye Faithful

**People: Amen!**

### ***God Consecrates Us***

\*Responsive Psalm Psalm 85

Pastor: You showed favor, Yahweh, to Your land.

**People: You turned Jacob's fortunes.**

You forgave Your people's liability.

**You covered all their sin.**

You gathered back all Your wrath.

**You turned from Your angry ferocity.**

Turn us, God of our salvation!

**And put away Your displeasure toward us!**

Everlastingly will You be angry with us?

**Will You prolong Your anger generation after generation? Will You Yourself not turn?**

Will You not revive us that Your people may rejoice in You?

**Show us, Yahweh, Your lovingkindness,**

**And Your salvation, grant to us.**

I shall listen to what He speaks, the Mighty One,

**For Yahweh speaks "Peace" to His people;**

And to His loyal ones:

**"And let them not turn back to folly."**

Surely, near to His fearers is His salvation,

**That His glory may dwell in our land.**

Lovingkindness and faithfulness meet,

**Righteousness and peace kiss.**

Faithfulness from earth springs forth,

**And righteousness from heaven looks down.**

Yahweh will indeed give what is good,

**And our land will yield her harvest.**

Righteousness before Him goes,

**And prepares a way for His steps.**

Praised be Yahweh!

**Everlastingly!**

Amen!

**Yes, amen.**

Confession of the Apostles' Creed

*We confess our common faith with one voice as the people of God. Confess your Trinitarian faith remembering our Lord Jesus' promise: "Therefore whoever confesses me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Reading of God's Word

Old Covenant Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

New Covenant Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

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

\*Hymn of Faith: *Insert*, Arise, Sons of the Kingdom

**People: Amen!**

Sermon: Rev. Uriesou T. Brito

Text: Luke 7:18-28

Title: Advent: A Triumphal Prophet

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor: This is our prayer, O Lord. **People: Amen.**

### ***God Communes With Us***

Observance of Holy Communion

*God in His Word has graciously promised His children eternal life in Christ, and our Father has added this Communion meal as a confirmation of His unchangeable promise. The deacons and elders will serve the meal to the congregation. Please pass the elements to one another as the Body of Christ. Let us together take the cup and eat the bread, partaking worthily and discerning the Lord's body.*

Passing of the Bread (Singing Together *Cantus* pg. 246 Of the Father's Love Begotten)

Passing of the Wine (Passing the Peace of Christ to one another)

\*†Congregational Response *Gloria Patri*

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.

### ***God Commissions Us***

\*The Lord's Commission Matthew 28:18-20

\*Closing Hymn: *Cantus*, pg. 224 Lift Up Your Heads

†Benediction

\* Three-Fold Amen & Postlude

*\*The congregation will please stand  
†Hands Raised  
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## Announcements

- **Calendar items**
  - December 13<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Meeting/2010 Budget followed by **Fellowship Meal**
  - December 20<sup>th</sup> –Wine Tasting Party
  - December 24<sup>th</sup> – Lessons and Carols @ 6PM Trinitas
  - December 28<sup>th</sup> – Jamie Soles’ Concert at Trinity Presbyterian. Free Admission.
  - December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year’s Eve Fellowship @ Koinonia Camp
- After worship this morning we invite you to gather for conversation and fellowship. Our annual congregational meeting will follow after fellowship.

## This Week in Family Worship

Scriptures: Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80:1-7 Heb. 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)

## Basics of Family Worship

Parents are responsible to teach the Word of God to their children and make sure they understand what they hear from the pulpit on the Lord’s Day (Deuteronomy 6:6-9). Set aside a brief time each day to sit down as a family and worship the Lord together. You can do the following three things in 15 minutes or less, but the benefits you reap will be eternal.

1. Sing a psalm/hymn.
2. Read a Scripture passage, and then discuss and apply it.
3. Pray together, taking your petitions to the Lord.

## Meditation for the Week

Q 10. How many Sundays are there in Advent?  
A. There are four Sundays in Advent.

Q 11. What are the colors for Advent and what do they mean?  
A. The colors for Advent are purple and royal blue. They remind us that Jesus is a glorious King.—Advent Catechism by Jeff Meyers

## Sermon Outline:

- I. John’s Imprisonment and Jesus’ miracles.
- II. The Nature of John’s doubt.
- III. Messiah’s Mercy.
- IV. Seven-Fold work and the New Exodus
- V. John, the Uncompromising Prophet
- VI. Least in the Kingdom, Greater than John
- VII. Application: The Mercy and Scandal of Christ.

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## Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to our guests this morning. We are glad you are joining in worship with Providence Church this Lord’s Day, and we pray that your soul will be challenged and fed by the Word of Christ. We invite our guests to remain after the service so that our members may greet you.



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## Order of Service

*The Third Sunday in Advent*

*December 13th, 2009*

**God is Renewing Covenant With His People**

**God Calls Us and Cleanses Us**

Prelude

Exhortation:

Pastor Brito, *What are we doing on Sunday? Part XI*

Interlude

\*Call to Worship

*Psalm 40:16*

Salutation:

†Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

**People: Amen!**

The LORD be with you!

*Ruth 2:4*

**And also with you!**

A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord

**Make straight in the desert a highway for our God! *Isaiah 40:3***

According to his promise, we wait for a new heavens and a new

earth **in which righteousness dwells!**

*II Peter 3:13*

Omnia et in omnibus Christus – Christ all and in all