

The Lord's Service

December 9th, 2012

Second Sunday in Advent

God is Renewing Covenant With His People

God Calls Us and Cleanses Us

Prelude
Advent Choir

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*

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... 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*

All: And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

(Let all who are able kneel)

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we are most miserably helpless before our adversaries. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are not able to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your forgiveness and deliverance, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Continue Kneeling for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon:

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

Pastor: 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!

Hymns of Faith: *(Please Stand)*

Cantus, Psalm 98, O Sing a New Song to the Lord, pgs. 134-135

People: Amen!

Insert, This Little Babe

People: Amen!

God Consecrates and Raises Up to Heaven

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

*Responsive Psalm *Psalm 107:1-9*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good,

People: For everlasting is his lovingkindness.

Let the redeemed of Yahweh say:

Whom he redeemed from the hand of the adversary

And gathered from the lands,

From east and from west, from north and from the south.

They wandered in a wilderness, in a desert region;

A city of habitation they have not found.

Hungry and thirsty,

Their soul within them became feeble.

Then they cried unto Yahweh in their adversity,

From their distress he delivered them,

And caused them to tread in a right way,

To go into a city of habitation.

Let them give thanks to Yahweh for his lovingkindness,

And for his wonders to the sons of Adam!

For he satisfies a longing soul,

And a hungry soul he has filled with goodness.

All: Amen! Yes, Amen!

Confession of the Nicene Creed (Please be seated)

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 & Sung Lord's Prayer

Please respond at the end of each section:

Pastor: Father, hear our prayer!

People: For Your Steadfast Love Endures Forever!

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

Old Covenant Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

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

Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:2-11

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

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People: Luke 3:1-14

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

Hymn of Faith: *Cantus*, Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People, pg. 226

People: Amen!

Sermon: Pastor Uri Brito

Text: Malachi 3:1-4

Title: The Coming of the Judge, Part II

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

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

Hymn: *Cantus*, Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, pg. 242

People: Amen.

Offertory Prayer

God Communes With Us

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, Amen, Amen.

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! *Psalms 145:21*

Closing Hymn: *Cantus*, I Will Sing My Maker's Praises, pgs. 308-309

People: Amen!

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

Three-Fold Amen

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

All: Amen!

Postlude

Welcome

In the name of Christ Jesus 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 that we can get to know you better. If you would like to talk with Pastor Brito throughout the week, please feel free either to call him at 850.377.3049 or to email him at uribrito@gmail.com. Please visit our website at www.providencepensacola.org

Questions for our Covenant Children

- How many times does Pastor Brito mention the word "worship?"
- God is like Refiner's Fire and _____ ?
- What is one application made in the sermon?

Sermon Outline:

- Peace is not the Absence of War
- The Dangerous Manger
- The Many Comings of Jesus
- The Surprise of Jesus
- The People Lack Renewal
- The Corruption of Worship
- The Coming of Jesus was (and is) a Threat to the Earthly Rulers
- God like Refiner's Fire
- God like Fuller's Soap
- Our Bodies Become Living Sacrifices (Offerings), See Romans 12
- Delighting in His Coming

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Announcements:

December 14th, Singing at Sacred Heart Hospital. See Mr. Todd Leonard for more information.

December 24th - Nine Lessons and Carols, Service at Christ Church in Pace, FL.