



Providence Church

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

THE LORD'S SERVICE

December 1st 2019

First Sunday in Advent

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.

Providence
Church

GOD IS RENEWING HIS COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE

GOD CALLS US AND CLEANSSES US

Prelude:

Mrs. Laura Scott

Exhortation

Welcome to Advent!

Processional Hymn (Please Stand):

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, 219

Call to Worship

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!

Pastor: I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!" *Psalm 122:1-2*

People: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: 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.

Pastor: Come, let us worship and bow down!

People: And kneel before the Lord our Maker. *(Let all who are able kneel)*

Psalm 95:6

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that 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 grace, 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: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. 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!**

Psalm of Faith:

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star! pgs. 220-221 (verses 1-4)

People: Amen.

GOD CONSECRATES AND RAISES US UP TO HEAVEN

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

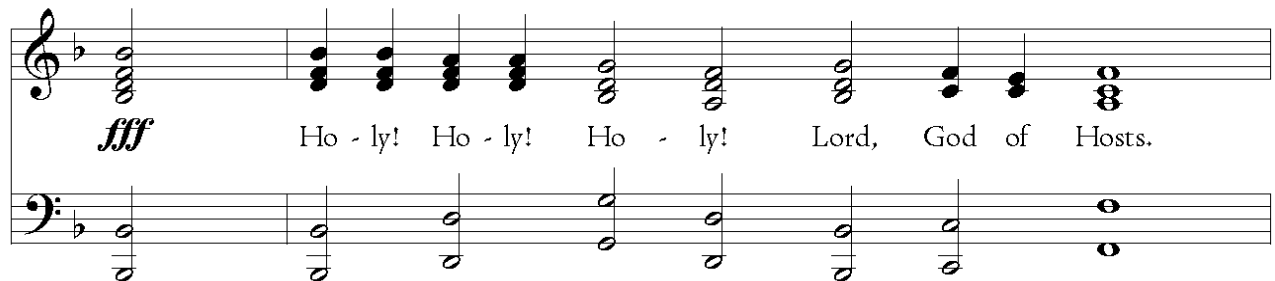
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is proper and right to do so.

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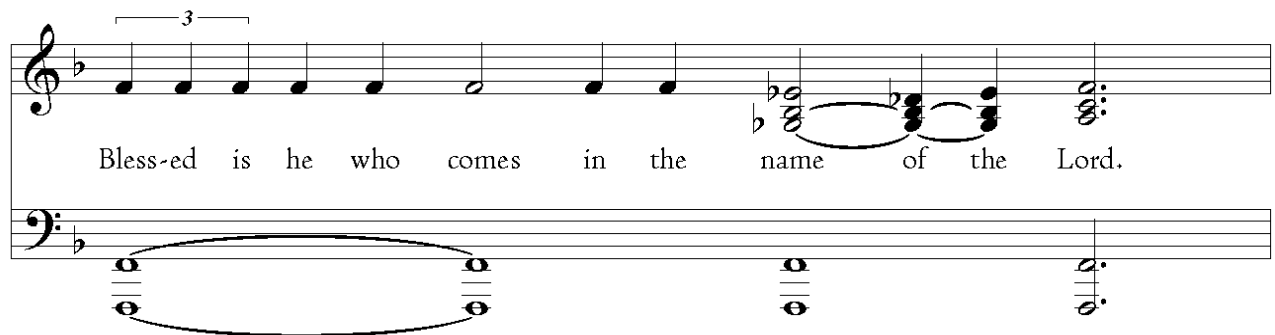
Pastor: Truly it is fitting, right, wholesome and beneficial that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, with all the company of heaven, and with all the Church on earth, we laud and magnify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

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

Please respond at the end of each section:

Pastor: Father, hear our prayer!

People: For Your steadfast love endures forever!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be Thy name, Thy king - dom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,

and for - give us our debts, as we for - give our debt - ors,

and lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry for - ev - er. A - men!

READING OF GOD'S WORD

(Please Stand)

Old Covenant Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Covenant Reading:

Hebrews 12:18-24

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading in the Midst of the People:

Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn:

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star! pgs. 222-223

People: Amen.

SERMON

Pastor: Uri Brito

Title: Advent is Practice for Christmas! (Outline on back page)

Text: Isaiah 2:1-5

OFFERTORY

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

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

Communion Hymn:

Author of Life Divine, pg. 205

People: Amen.

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.

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.

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!

Psalms 145:21

Closing Hymn:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, pg. 227

People: Amen!

Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

Nunc Dimittis

Insert

Announcements

Pastor: Go in peace to love and to serve our Risen Lord!

All: Amen!

The Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis

29 Lord, now let-test Thou Thy ser- vant de-part in peace, ac-cord-ing to Thy word;

The first system of musical notation for the Nunc Dimittis. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains the vocal line, and the bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "29 Lord, now let-test Thou Thy ser- vant de-part in peace, ac-cord-ing to Thy word;"

30 For mine eyes have seen Thy sal- va - tion, 31 which Thou hast pre-pared

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line, and the bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "30 For mine eyes have seen Thy sal- va - tion, 31 which Thou hast pre-pared"

be- fore the face of all peo- ple— 32 A light to light - en the Gen- tiles

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line, and the bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "be- fore the face of all peo- ple— 32 A light to light - en the Gen- tiles"

and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - ra - el. Glo- ry be to the Fa- ther

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line, and the bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - ra - el. Glo- ry be to the Fa- ther"

and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning,

The fifth system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line, and the bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning,"

is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

The sixth and final system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line, and the bass staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Dec. 1st	Dr. Ernest Clark will be sharing about his labors in India.	He and his wife Tiffany have done some amazing work in a dark land. We hope you will plan to stay and hear his presentation after our fellowship.
Dec. 8th	Sunday School Continues	Chapters 7-9 of When People are Big and God is Small
Jan. 11th	Walk for Life	The Emerald Coast Coalition for Life is sponsoring this effort. Pastor Stout is looking for a few volunteers to help with set up.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Dec. 4th	Vespers	No Meal.
Dec. 11th	Vespers	No Meal
Dec. 22nd	Singing Carols at University Pines Retirement Center	Note: Date changed from the 15th Gather at University Pines at 11:45 for singing
Dec. 18th	Vespers	Soup and Salad Meal. We will need a few families to make soups.
Dec. 20 th	Annual Wine Tasting	6:00pm at the home of the Greggs. This is an adult only celebration. High School Graduates and older.
Dec. 24th	Lessons and Carols Service	5:00pm at Christ Church in Pace
Dec. 31st	Family Game Night	Details to follow

OUTLINE

Text: Isaiah 2:1-5

What a magnificent season. We often want to rush to Christmas, but our Calendar gives us a calm before the storm of the new birth. In Advent, we wait, and in this waiting, we are not silent; we play and feast together like children in a playground. We practice with one another for the season ahead where the newborn King plays with us in ten-thousand places.

- I. Famous Isaiah texts
- II. The Christian hope
- III. Isaiah's loud prophecy of hope
- IV. Exile and Confusion
- V. The last days are fulfilled in Jesus
- VI. Being established in hope
- VII. Advent is practice for Christmas

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