



Providence Church

A Reformed Evangelical Congregation

THE LORD'S SERVICE

December 3rd, 2023

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. **

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

GOD IS RENEWING HIS COVENANT WITH HIS PEOPLE
GOD CALLS US AND CLEANSSES US

Prelude:

Sadie and Lily Reed

Pianist

Jonathan Franzone

Exhortation

Hope in the Darkness

Processional Hymn (Please Stand):

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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!

Hymn of Faith

People: Amen

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star (vv. 1-4)

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star!

1. How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see
 2. O high - est joy by mor - tals won, True Son of God
 3. Now rich - ly to my wait - ing heart, O Thou, my God,
 4. A pledge of peace from God I see When Thy pure eyes

and hail a - far The light in Ju - dah shin - ing.
 and Ma - ry's Son, Thou high - born King of a - ges!
 deign to im - part The grace of love un - dy - ing.
 are turned to me To show me Thy good pleas - ure.

Thou Da - vid's Son of Ja - cob's race, My Bride-groom and
 Thou art my heart's most beau - teous flow'r, And Thy blest gos -
 In Thy blest bod - y let me be, Ev'n as the branch
 Je - sus, Thy Spir - it and Thy Word, Thy bod - y and

my King of Grace, For Thee my heart is pin - ing.
 pel's sav - ing pow'r My rap - tured soul en - gag - es.
 is in the tree— Thy life my life sup - ply - ing.
 Thy blood af - ford My soul its dear - est treas - ure.

Low - ly, Ho - ly, Great and glo - rious, Thou vic - to - rious
 Thou mine, I Thine; Sing ho - san - na! Heav'n - ly man - na
 Sigh - ing, Cry - ing; For the sa - vor Of Thy fa - vor;
 Keep me Kind - ly In Thy fa - vor, O mv Sav - ior!

Prince of grac - es, Fill - ing all the heav'n - ly plac - es.
 Tast - ing, eat - ing, Whilst Thy love in songs re - peat - ing.
 Rest - ing nev - er Till I rest in Thee for - ev - er.
 Thou wilt cheer me; Thy Word calls me to draw near Thee.

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!

ople: It is proper and right to do so.

SANCTUS

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

Psalm 30

Leader: A psalm. A song for the dedication of the house. By David.

I will lift You up, Yahweh, for You have drawn me up,

People: And have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

Yahweh, my God, I cried to You for help,

And You healed me.

Yahweh, You brought up my soul from Sheol;

You spared me from going down to the pit.

Play music to Yahweh, you His saints,

And give thanks to His holy memorial-name,

For but a moment lasts His anger;

Lifetimes lasts His favor.

In the night weeping lingers,

But in the morning, rejoicing.

Now as for me, I said in my prosperity,

"I shall never be moved."

Yahweh, it was through Your favor!

You made my mountain to stand strong!

You hid your face;

I was dismayed.

To You, Yahweh, I called,

And to my Master I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my blood,

"In my going down to destruction?

"Will dust praise You?

"Will it declare Your faithfulness?

"Hear, Yahweh, and be gracious to me;

"Yahweh, be my Helper."

You turned for me my mourning into dancing;

You loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;

That my glory may play music to You and not be silent.

Yahweh, my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

Praise to Yahweh, the God of Israel!

From everlasting and unto everlasting.

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,

This system contains the first line of the musical score. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

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

This system contains the second line of the musical score. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. There is a measure with a whole rest in the treble staff. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

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

This system contains the third line of the musical score. The melody includes some longer note values, such as half notes. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

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

This system contains the fourth line of the musical score. The melody continues with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

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

This system contains the fifth and final line of the musical score. The melody concludes with a final cadence. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

READING OF GOD'S WORD

(Please Stand)

Old Covenant Reading

Exodus 20: 8-11

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Covenant Reading:

Acts 9: 1-9

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Amidst the People:

John 5: 1-18

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

People: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of Faith:

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star (vv. 5-7)

People: Amen

SERMON

Pastor: Pastor Alan Stout

Title: ***Israel's Illness and the God Man's Cure*** (Outline on Last Page)

Text: *John 5:1-18*

OFFERTORY **

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

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

Hymn of Response:

Savior of the Nations, Come

People: Amen

*** In the Old Testament the last part of the consecration was the Tribute Offering. It represented all the work that had been done by the person making that sacrifice. Our Offertory, the tithes and offerings, corresponds to this Tribute Offering. This is an act of corporate worship, thanking God for our ability to work and confessing that all your labors are for him and for his kingdom. The Tithe Box is at the back of the Church.*

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star!

5. Thou, might - y Fa - ther, in Thy Son Didst love me ere
 6. Lift up the voice and strike the string! Let all glad sounds
 7. Oh, joy to know that Thou, my Friend, Art Lord Be - gin -

Thou hadst be - gun This an - cient world's foun - da - tion.
 of mu - sic ring In God's high prais - es blend - ed.
 ning with - out end, The First and Last, e - ter - nal!

Thy Son hath made a friend of me, And when in spir -
 Christ will be with me all the way, To - day, to - mor -
 And Thou at length— O glo - rious grace!— Wilt take me to

it Him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.
 row, ev - 'ry day, Till trav - 'ling days be end - ed.
 that ho - ly place, The home of joys su - per - nal.

What bliss Is this! He that liv - eth To me giv - eth
 Sing out, Ring out Tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious,
 A - men, A - men! Come and meet me! Quick - ly greet me!

Life for - ev - er; Noth - ing me from Him can sev - er.
 Cho - sen na - tion; Praise the God of your sal - va - tion.
 With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for Thy re - turn - ing.

Savior of the Nations, Come

1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's Son, make here Thy home.
 2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it of our God
 3. Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child Of the vir - gin un - de - filed!
 4. From the Fa - ther's throne He came And re - turn - eth to the same,
 5. Thou, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, Hast o'er sin the vic - t'ry won.
 6. Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, Praise to God the Son, our King,

Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Was the Word of God made flesh— Wo - man's off-spring, pure and fresh.
 Though by all the world dis - owned, Still to be in Heav'n en - throned!
 Cap - tive lead - ing death and Hell— High the song of tri - umph swell!
 Bound-less shall Thy king - dom be; When shall we its glo - ries see?
 Praise to God the Spir - it be Ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Music: Johann Walter's *Geistliches Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Text: Ambrose of Milan, 397; German tr. Martin Luther, 1524; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1860; alt.

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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 Psalm:

Psalms 98, Oh, Sing a New Song to the Lord

People: Amen

Benediction:

Numbers 6:24-26

Threefold Amen

Announcements

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

All: Amen!

Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD

From Psalm 98:1-3

1. Oh, sing a new song to the LORD, For won-ders He has done,
For won - ders He has done; His right hand and His ho - ly arm
The vic - to - ry have won, The
The vic - to - ry have won, The vic - to - ry have
won, The vic - to - ry have won.
won, The vic - to - ry have won, The vic - to - ry have won.
won, The vic - to - ry have won.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It features a variety of musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and full notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding staves, with some words hyphenated across measures. The score concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

2. The great salvation wrought by Him
Jehovah has made known.
His justice in the nations' sight
He openly has shown.

3. He mindful of His grace and truth
To Isr'el's house has been.
The great salvation of our God
All ends of earth have seen.

4. O all the earth, sing to the LORD
And make a joyful sound.
Lift up your voice aloud to Him;
Sing psalms! Let joy resound!

5. With harp make music to the LORD;
With harp a psalm O sing!
With horn and trumpet raise a shout
Before the LORD, the King.

6. Let seas in all their vastness roar,
The world, its living horde.
Let rivers clap, let mountains sing
Their joy before the LORD!

7. Because He comes, He surely comes,
The judge of earth to be!
With justice He will judge the world,
All men with equity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

2nd and 4th
Monday

Ladies' Study

7:30 January 8th at the home of
Cathy Noland. Chapter 10 & 11 of
"You Who?"

2nd and 4th
Friday

Young Adult's Study

7:00 January 12th. Location TBD

Advent and Christmas

December 6th, 13th,
20th

Advent Vespers

No Meal on the 6th. Soup and
Salad on the 13th. No meal on
the 20th

December 24th

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols

5:00pm. A Service of Song
and Scripture. One of our
favorite services

December 27-29th

Youth Conference in Winter Springs

See Pastor Stout for details

December 29th

Christmas Wine and Psalm Roar

5:30pm at Trinitas

January 5th

Adult Wine Tasting

6:00 pm. At Trinitas. 21
years and older please.

** There are two cry rooms available for children that need to be helped during the service. The room on the left hall as you walk into the sanctuary, is for older children and their parents. If they need to be disciplined or encouraged to quiet down, please calm them down and then please bring them back into worship. The library, in the hall to the right when you walk in, is for nursing mothers. Feel free to use both as needed.*

Sermon text: *John 5:1-18*

Sermon Outline: Israel's Illness and the God Man's Cure

When Jesus arrives at the Temple, there is so much more going on than just the healing of a man suffering from a long term illness. Jesus is addressing the nation as a whole, and the leaders of national Israel do not take kindly to what Jesus has to say.

- I. The Illness of Israel. (vs 1 – 9).
- II. The Response of the Jewish Leadership. (vs 10 – 13)
- III. The God Man's Cure (vs 14 – 18)

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