

FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022 ~ MORNING WORSHIP

Almighty God, we beseech Thee, grant unto Thy people grace that they may wait with vigilance for the advent of Thy Son our Lord, that when He shall arise from Thy right hand to visit the earth in righteousness and Thy people with salvation, He may not find us sleeping in sin, but diligent in Thy service, and rejoicing in Thy praises, that so we may enter in with Him into the joy of paradise, through His merits, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen. ~Book of Common Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Marty Martin

Introit

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Call to Worship

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

§ Hymn

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

No. 218

§ Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Andrew Newman

New Testament Reading

Luke 1:67-80

And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,
And has raised up a horn of salvation for us
In the house of David His servant—
As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old—
Salvation FROM OUR ENEMIES,
And FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US;
To show mercy toward our fathers,
And to remember His holy covenant,
The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,
To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies,
Might serve Him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.
“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
For you will go on BEFORE THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS;
To give to His people the knowledge of salvation
By the forgiveness of their sins,
Because of the tender mercy of our God,
With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us,
To SHINE UPON THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

§ Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

No. 216

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Love Came Down at Christmas

Choir

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign; star and angels gave the sign. Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign; but wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine, love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign; love for plea and gift and sign. ~CCLI11347461

Prayer of Petition and Supplication

Pastor Newman

§ Hymn

Saw You Never, in the Twilight

No. 228

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Pew Bible page 721

¹“Comfort, O comfort My people,” says your God.

²“Speak kindly to Jerusalem;
And call out to her, that her warfare has ended,
That her iniquity has been removed,
That she has received of the LORD’s hand
Double for all her sins.”

³A voice is calling,

“Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness;
Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴“Let every valley be lifted up,
And every mountain and hill be made low;
And let the rough ground become a plain,
And the rugged terrain a broad valley;

⁵Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed,
And all flesh will see it together;
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Call out.”
Then he answered, “What shall I call out?”

All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
When the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
Surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.

⁹Get yourself up on a high mountain,

O Zion, bearer of good news,
Lift up your voice mightily,
O Jerusalem, bearer of good news;
Lift it up, do not fear.

Say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might,
With His arm ruling for Him.

Behold, His reward is with Him
And His recompense before Him.

¹¹Like a shepherd He will tend His flock,
In His arm He will gather the lambs
And carry them in His bosom;
He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Martin

Comfort Ye My People

§ Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

No. 197

§ Benediction

§ Corporate “Amen”

§ The congregation will please stand.

EVENING WORSHIP

Introit

Hurry Shepherds!

Children’s Choir

Call to Worship

Hebrews 1:1-3a

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

§ Hymn

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

No. 207

§ Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Pastor Marty Martin

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 10

“At that time the LORD said to me, ‘Cut out for yourself two tablets of stone like the former ones, and come up to Me on the mountain, and make an ark of wood for yourself. I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets which you shattered, and you shall put them in the ark.’ So I made an ark of acacia wood and cut out two tablets of stone like the former ones, and went up on the mountain with the two tablets in my hand. He wrote on the tablets, like the former writing, the Ten Commandments which the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain from the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly; and the LORD gave them to me. Then I turned and came down from the mountain and put the tablets in the ark which I had made; and there they are, as the LORD commanded me.”

(Now the sons of Israel set out from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died and there he was buried and Eleazar his son ministered as priest in his place. From there they set out to Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to Jotbathah, a land of brooks of water. At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to serve Him and to bless in His name until this day. Therefore, Levi does not have a portion or inheritance with his brothers; the LORD is his inheritance, just as the LORD your God spoke to him.)

“I, moreover, stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights like the first time, and the LORD listened to me that time also; the LORD was not willing to destroy you. Then the LORD said to me, ‘Arise, proceed on your journey ahead of the people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.’

“Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the LORD’s commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it. Yet on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them, and He chose their descendants after them, even you above all peoples, as it is this day. So circumcise your heart, and stiffen your neck no longer. For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God who does not show partiality nor take a bribe. He executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing. So show your love for the alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name. He is your praise and He is your God, who has done these great and awesome things for you which your eyes have seen. Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.”

§ Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

No. 196

Worship through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Cradle Song

Lynn Tate, flute; Cathy Lawton, piano

Prayer of Confession, Petition, and Intercession

Pastor Martin

§ Hymn

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

No. 200

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:18-25

Pew Bible page 957

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. ²⁰But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” ²²Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³“BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” which translated means, “GOD WITH US.” ²⁴And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, ²⁵but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

Proclamation of God’s Word

Pastor Andrew Newman

The God-Man

§ Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 208

§ Benediction

Sermon Notes:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Pew Cards:** If you are new to Fellowship, please help us get to know you by filling out a pew card and dropping it in the offering plate. ~Thank you!*

Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24, 5:00 PM

Nursery will not be provided for our Christmas Eve Service; you are welcome to bring infants/children into the service.

Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25, 10:30 AM

Please note time change (10:30 AM); also note: there will be no Sunday school or evening worship on Christmas Day.

New Year's Day Services

Sunday, January 1, 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Please note: no Sunday school on New Year's Day.



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THE SESSION:

Teaching Elder: Pastor Martin H. Martin
Ruling Elders: Craig Bouvier, John Kuhfuss, Terry Richards,
Tim Taylor, Jeff Wayne, Sr., Jeff Wayne, Jr.
Elder of the Month: Jeff Wayne, Sr.

THE DIACONATE:

Deacons: Pat DeJong, Jared Farquhar, Dave Frengel,
Brian Medlin, Philip Triplett, Kevin Worley
Deacon of the Week: Pat DeJong

ASSISTANT PASTOR: Pastor Andrew Newman

COORDINATOR OF PASTORAL CARE: Pastor Peter Spink

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Michael Weaver

CHURCH INTERN: Vinicius Pimentel

ACCOMPANISTS:

Piano, Beverly Brouwer & Cathy Lawton; Organ, Sheryl Farquhar

MISSIONARIES & BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES:

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| Rev. & Mrs. Albert Kona—Albania | Rev. & Mrs. Will Traub—Scotland |
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| Greer Community Ministries | Covenant College |

Wednesday Supper, Prayer Service, Catechism and High Point will resume January 11.

Men's Sunday Afternoon Discussions and Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume in January.

Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study ("Esther" by Lydia Brownbeck): This study, led by Meghan Newman, will meet, 6:30 pm, at the church on: January 3 & 24; February 7 & 21; and March 7.

Women's Evening Bible Study (1 Peter) resumes Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm: Please contact Barbara Wilder for more information.

The PCA Christmas Offering**, which is used "to assist PCA retired and disabled pastors, missionaries, church lay workers, their widows and dependent children who may have financial needs," will be received now through **Sunday, December 25. Please mark your checks or envelopes "PCA Christmas Offering".

*Having been nominated, trained and sustained in their examination, the **Session presents to the congregation, the following as eligible for election** (to the four year term of 2023-2027) in a **congregational meeting** on **Sunday, January 8**, following morning worship:*

Ruling Elder: Terry Richards, Jeff Wayne, Sr.
Deacon: Jared Farquhar, Kelly Peterson, Philip Triplett

*Praise the Lord for His goodness in raising up these men
and pray for His guidance in the elections to be held **January 8.***

Bible Reading plans ("180 Days: A Guided Tour of the Bible" and a one year "Chronological Bible Reading Plan") are available in the narthex.

*The office will be closed December 22—26 and December 29—January 2,
for Christmas and New Year's holidays.*

December 18, 2022

*Our purpose is to glorify the Triune God by
reconciling the lost to Him through faith in Jesus Christ
and equipping the saints to serve Him in every area of life.*

2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Matthew 28:19-20