

Service for the Lord's Day

Pre-Service Music Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659
Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

J.S. Bach

Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Worship Advent Candle Lighting Michael and Margaret Valentine

One: Today on this second Sunday of Advent we light the candle of peace. As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. Messiah Jesus is promised to come to us as one who will make all things new and whole – we will have peace with God and with others.

All: Gracious God, grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

Prelude Of the Father's Love Begotten
Hayden Glasgow, Organ Scholar

Wilbur Held

Ringing of the Revere Tower Bell

Let the ringing of the bell call our attention away from ourselves and onto the living Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***Hymn #100** O Come, O come Emmanuel

*Invocation

*Prayer of Confession:

All: We are captive, exiled, O God, because we have, each in our own way, chosen our own path, away from you. We live in a spiritual darkness that keeps us lost from you. Let your light shine in our darkness so that we may see your light and walk in your ways. We think we can create our own light, but we do need your guidance. Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us; Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us. Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen

***Moments of Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Joel 2:11-12

One: Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Return to the Lord your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish. In Christ you are forgiven – the old is gone, the new has come! This is our Good News!

All: Thanks be to God.

***Gloria Patri #575**

Glory Be to the Father

Anthem

Comfort Ye My People, and

George Frederic Handel

Every Valley Shall Be Exalted, from *Messiah*

Jarett Hazelton, Tenor

Based on Isaiah 40:1-4

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people! Saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem. And cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished. That her iniquity is pardoned.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight in the desert a highway, for our God

Every valley shall be exalted and ev'ry mountain and hill made low
The crooked straight and the rough places plain.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

And the Glory of the Lord, from *Messiah*

George Frederic Handel

Covenant Choir

Based on Isaiah 40:5

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

***Doxology #572** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
At this time all children are invited to go to the chapel for Christmas program rehearsal

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture Lesson

Rev. Dr. Robert Anderson

Isaiah 11:1-3: *A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord — and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.*

John 15:5-8: *I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

One: This is God's Word for God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Wonders of His Love:
Jesus is our Life

Rev. Dr. Robert C. Anderson

***Hymn #128**

One Day When Heaven was Filled

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

We offer Communion during the worship service on the first Sunday of each month. We welcome anyone who proclaims Christ as Savior to partake. The Communion table is not restricted to Presbyterians. During the service, church elders will distribute the elements, while the congregation remains seated in the pews.

The Invitation

The Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Communion

We will share in the body together. You may drink of the cup when desired.

The Prayer of Blessing

***Apostles Creed**

All: 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 hell; 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.

***Hymn #122**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Benediction

Postlude

Partita on *Freu dich Sehr, O meine Seele*, var. 12

Georg Böhm

Andrew Hackett, Organist

*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Today following worship there will be a time for prayer in the Bride's Room which is located by the Eighth Street entrance. Anyone who would like to participate or has a specific need is welcome to join Pastor Bob.

100 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Behold a virgin shall . . . bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Isa. 7:14

Latin hymn.
Trans. by John M. Neale, 1851
St. S. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916

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Thomas Helmore, 1854
Based on plainsong phrases

Unison

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
3. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine
4. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our
5. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save
ad - vent here; And drive a - way the shades of night,
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,
heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease;

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
And pierce the clouds and bring us light! Re - joice! re - joice! Em -
And close the path to mis - er - y.
Fill all the world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A - men.

JESUS CHRIST

128 One Day When Heaven Was Filled

When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son . . . Gal. 4:4

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J. Wilbur Chapman, 1910

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1. One day when heav - en was filled with His prais - es, One day when
 2. One day they led Him up Cal - va - ry's moun - tain, One day they
 3. One day they left Him a - lone in the gar - den, One day He
 4. One day the grave could con - ceal Him no long - er, One day the
 5. One day the trum - pet will sound for His com - ing, One day the

sin was as black as could be, Je - sus came forth to be
 nailed Him to die on the tree; Suf - fer - ing an - guish, de -
 rest - ed, from suf - fer - ing free; An - gels came down o'er His
 stone rolled a - way from the door; Then He a - rose, o - ver
 skies with His glo - ry will shine; Won - der - ful day, my be -

born of a vir - gin, Dwelt a - mong men, my ex - am - ple is He!
 spised and re - ject - ed, Bear - ing our sins, my Re - deem - er is He!
 tomb to keep vig - il; Hope of the hope - less, my Sav - ior is He!
 death He has con - quered; Now is as - cend - ed, my Lord ev - er - more!
 lov - ed ones bring - ing; Glo - ri - ous Sav - ior, this Je - sus is mine!

Refrain

Liv - ing, He loved me; dy - ing, He saved me; Bur - ied, He

car - ried my sins far a - way; Ris - ing, He jus - ti - fied

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JESUS CHRIST

122 Of the Father's Love Begotten

In the beginning was the Word . . . and the Word was God. John 1:1

Aurelius C. Prudentius, 4th century
 Trans. by John M. Neale, 1854, and
 Henry W. Baker, 1859

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8787877

Plainsong, 13th century
 Arr. by C. Winfred Douglas, 1916

Unison

1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the Vir - gin, full of grace,
 3. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prais - es sing,
 4. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,

He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,
 By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, Bare the Sav - ior of our race;
 Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our God and King;
 Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing And un - wea - ried prais - es be:

Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture
 And the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er, First re - vealed His
 Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - ery voice in
 Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e - ter - nal

years shall see, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 sa - cred face, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 con - cert ring, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 vic - to - ry, Ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

JESUS CHRIST

This Week at CFPC

Sunday, December 4

8:45 AM — Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM — Teen Bible Study
10:30 AM — Worship
11:30 AM — Fellowship in Metzger Hall
7 PM — Neighborhood Caroling on the front steps

Wednesday, December 7

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Saturday, December 10

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

Planning Ahead at CFPC

Sunday, December 11

8:45 AM — Choir Rehearsal
9:15 AM — Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM — Teen Bible Study
10:30 AM — Worship
11:30 AM — Fellowship in Metzger Hall and
Round' the Table Carol Sing

Wednesday, December 14

12 PM — Brown Bag Bible Study

Saturday, December 15

7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study in the Chapel

Looking Ahead

We continue exploring "The Wonders of His Love" as we discover Jesus in the Old Testament.



Each week builds anticipation of the birth of the Christ child. In addition each Sunday of Advent will help us focus on the eternal nature of the Son of God. His ministry was prophesied in many ways in the Old Testament. As we look at Isaiah's prophecies in particular, we will also look at the Gospel ministry of Jesus where he confirms the truth of those prophetic words. This Advent, O come let us adore him is our invitation to personal and corporate worship before this powerful and wondrous truth. Come tonight at 7 PM and sing this truth with carols on the Elm Street steps and you will get to ring out your voices and ring a bell! Pray today that the Spirit of God will be working miracles in the lives of our neighbors!

Future Planning

Sunday, December 11 at 11:30 AM

Fellowship Time — 'Round the Table Carol Sing

Sunday, December 18 at 4 PM

Christmas Open House at the Cameron Home

Saturday, December 24 at 7 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Lessons and Carols Service with pre-service music beginning at 6:30 PM

Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 AM

Christmas Morning Family Worship
No Sunday School or Fellowship Time