



And he put all things
under his feet
and gave him as head
over all things
to the church,
which is his body,
the fullness of him
who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:22-23



**TWIN
OAKS**
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Worshiping God, Who Grieves Our Sin!

DECEMBER 5, 2021
10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Fanfare on “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”* by Dennis Bergin
Dennis Bergin, organ (Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying)

Toccata on “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” by Hugo Distler

But at midnight there was a cry, “Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.”
Matthew 25:6

Anges (The Angels) Olivier Messiaen

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (KJV)
Luke 2:13, 14

Magnificat VI Gloria Marcel Dupre

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

ADVENT BELL TOLLING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - THE CANDLE OF THE FALL

Brett Frey, Seminary Intern

Pastor: Today, we light the second candle of Advent – the Candle of the Fall. Genesis 3:1-6 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Reader: Isaiah 59:2 Romans 5:12, 15
Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. Just as sin came into the world through one man [Adam], and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ abounded for many.

***AS IN ADAM ALL DIE!**

Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace

1. Fountain of ne - ver - ceas - ing grace, Thy saints' ex-haust-less theme,
2. In You we have a right-eous-ness, By God Him-self ap - proved;
3. As all, when A - dam sinned a - lone, In his trans-gres-sion died,

Great ob - ject of im - mor - tal praise, Es - sen - tial-ly su - preme;
Our rock, our sure foun - da - tion this, Which ne - ver can be moved.
So by the righ - teous-ness of One, Are sin - ners jus - ti - fied,

We bless Thee for the glor - ious fruits Your in - car-na - tion gives;
Our ran-som by Your death was paid, For all Your peo - ple giv'n,
We to your me - rit, gra - cious Lord, With hum - blest joy sub - mit,

The righ-teous-ness which grace im - putes, And faith a - lone re - ceives.
The law you per - fect - ly o - beyed, That they might en - ter Heav'n.
A - gain to Par - a - dise re - stored, In you a - lone com - plete.

Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace (# 519)
Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778
C.M.D.
ST. MATTHEW

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 59:1-2, 12-13, 15b-20

Pastor: Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear;

People: But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.

Pastor: For our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us;

People: For our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities:

Pastor: Transgressing, and denying the LORD, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words.

People: The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice.

Pastor: He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede;

People: Then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him.

Pastor: He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head;

People: He put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.

Pastor: According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies; to the coastlands he will render repayment.

People: So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun;

Pastor: For he will come like a rushing stream, which the wind of the LORD drives.

All: "And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the LORD.

***REJOICE, REJOICE! No. 194** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Carrie Smith, piano Prudence Barker, violin; Laura Quinn, cello; Charis Baker, flute; Will Barker, trombone; Nathanael Zanders, timpani; Bill Myers, guitar; Matt Brantley, bass; Greg Wagener, drums;

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED Romans 3:10-19

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As it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” “Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED Romans 3:23-24

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

***TELL HER THAT HER SINS I COVER! NO. 197** *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 145:14

Dave Bruegger, Elder

The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

GOD CALLS US TO STEWARDSHIP Acts 20:35b

We must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

WE GIVE OUR GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

WE OFFER OUR SACRIFICE OF PRAISE *Adam Lay YBounden*

Li Ndindi, Megan Wicks, Matthew Fessler, Wim Engel;

Lydia & Preston Reddick, Belle & Jack St. John;

Kyrstan Brantley, soprano; Shelly Hannaford, alto; John Rutledge, tenor; Brian Roby, bass;

Prudence Barker, violin; Carrie Smith, piano; Greg Wagener, Nathanael Zanders, percussion

Adam lay yBounden, bounden ‘neath a tree.
Snared by a tempter, “Like the Lord you’ll be.”
And al was for an appil, appil that he tok,
As the Scripture teaches, teaches in the Book.

Chorus: Allelu, alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia!
Allelu, alleluia, sing alleluia, alleluia!

Once the appil taken innocence was shamed.
Hidin’, blushin’, blamin’, man was ne’er the same.
Blyssid be the Savior crush the serpent’s head!
Eden’s restoration; death forever dead! [*Chorus*]

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SERMON TITLE	<i>It’s Really That Bad</i>

***FROM OUR FEARS AND SINS RELEASE US! No. 196** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus!*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Reprise: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus!*

It's Really That Bad

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Genesis 6:5-8 | page 5 in the pew Bible

Just how bad is the human condition?

1. Bad enough for God to Destroy Man.

2. Bad enough for God to Save Man.

*Congregation please rise

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