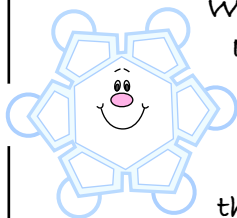




COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JUNIOR WORSHIP BULLETIN



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
November 28, 2021



What a privilege it is to gather together to worship our God.
It is a blessing to know that He is here enjoying our worship
as well! Please use this bulletin to help you participate in
the worship service. Follow along so
you can learn more about our awesome God,
the ways He shows His love for you, and
how you can love Him back!



The four weeks before Christmas are called Advent. During this time,
we look back to the first time Jesus came and excitedly look forward to
when Jesus will come again.

Advent Reading • Malachi 3:1-3



How has Jesus purified us?

READER:

*Behold, I send my messenger,
and he will prepare the way before me.
And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple;
and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight,
behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.
But who can endure the day of his coming,
and who can stand when he appears?
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.
He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver,
and he will purify the sons of Levi
and refine them like gold and silver,
and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.*

Prelude

The **Call to Worship** opens each worship service. From the verses below:

★ underline ____ how long God's love lasts.

Psalm 136:1-3, 23-26

PASTOR: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
ALL: For his steadfast love endures forever.
PASTOR: Give thanks to the God of gods,
ALL: For his steadfast love endures forever.
PASTOR: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
ALL: For his steadfast love endures forever.
PASTOR: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
ALL: For his steadfast love endures forever.
PASTOR: And rescued us from our foes,
ALL: For his steadfast love endures forever.
PASTOR: He who gives food to all flesh,
ALL: For his steadfast love endures forever.
PASTOR: Give thanks to the God of heaven,
ALL: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Thank You
JESUS!



Hymn of Adoration The first hymn we sing together reminds us who God is and why He is worthy of our worship.

★ Circle ○ the different names for God used in this hymn.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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ALL: ○ come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
 ○ come ye, ○ come ye to Bethlehem;
 come and behold Him born the King of angels;
 ○ come, let us adore Him, ○ come, let us adore Him,
 ○ come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light;
lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb:
very God, begotten, not created;
○ come, let us adore Him, ○ come, let us adore Him,
○ come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God in the highest;
○ come, let us adore Him, ○ come, let us adore Him,
○ come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.



Invocation

In this prayer we ask God to be with us and to guide us in our worship of Him.

Confession We pause in our worship to tell God that we recognize the things we have done wrong, our sins. It is important to do this so that we can go forward knowing that there is nothing we are hiding from Him.

Corporate Confession First, we will confess all the general sins we all commit together. Next, we will have a silent time for you to confess to God your sins. Be specific!

ALL: God of grace and truth, Christ,
You came among us as light shining in darkness.
We confess we have not welcomed Your great light,
we have failed to be Your agents of peace in the world,
and we have been reluctant to praise You for becoming
God with us.
We have closed our eyes to Your glory,
expecting little and hoping for less.
In this Advent season, forgive our faithlessness
and renew our hope.
Come to us anew,
and by Your grace, transform us to receive You
with joy, as the shepherd;
with gratitude, as Simeon;
with obedience, as Mary;
with love, as You have loved us.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

Silent Confession List things the Lord brings to your heart that you need to confess to Him, and silently ask His forgiveness for them.

1.

2.

3.



Please forgive me, God.
Help me to live each day for You.

Assurance of Pardon

The Pastor reminds us of God's promise to forgive us.

★ Circle ○ the words that describe what God did for you.

From 1 thessalonians 5:5-9

PASTOR: For you are all children of light, children of the day.
We are not of the ight or of the darkness.
So, then, let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake.
For God has not destined us for wrath,
but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who died for us so that we might live with him.

Hymn of Assurance

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

ALL: I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come to me" "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.



I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quench'd, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.



I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.



Ministry Spotlight

RUF at Washington University

- ★ This is a time for our church to learn about ways we are taking care of people.
- ★ Who is this Ministry Spotlight talking about caring for?

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

We pray for other people and needs within our church and the world.

- ★ List the things you and your family can pray for this week.

1.

2.

3.

Offering

We give back to God to help His church and his people because of the greatest treasure God has given us — His Son, Jesus. Giving back to God doesn't just include money. It also includes using our time and our abilities to serve Him. These are ways we can say "thank you for saving me and bringing me into Your family."

Hymn of Preparation This hymn points us to the ideas that will be in our lesson today.

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

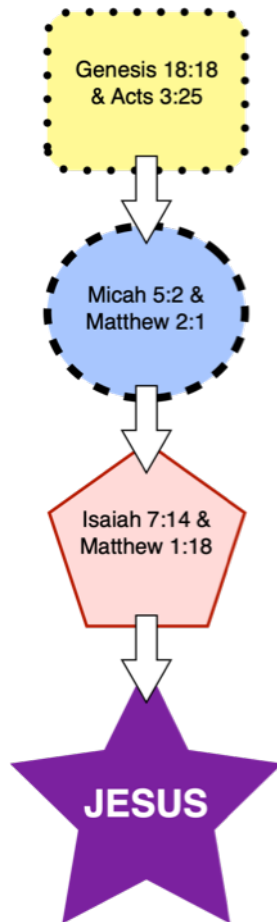
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ALL:

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth Thou art,
dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He Whose glories knew no end;
by His life He brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by Thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to Thy glorious throne.





Look at Luke 1:8-25 (use the Table of Contents if needed)

★ Draw a picture or use words to describe what happened in today’s Scripture passage.

Luke 1:8-10	Luke 1:11-17	
Luke 1:18	Luke 1:19-20	Luke 1:21-23

★ Did God keep his promise? (fill in the blanks from verses 24-25)

After these days his wife Elizabeth _ _ _ _ _

[and she said] “Thus the _ _ _ _ has done for me...”

★ What does it mean to you that God always keeps his promises?
Write a prayer or talk to him about it.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

As forgiven people we can now truly CELEBRATE the Lord's Supper.

- ★ We talk about "celebrating" the Lord's Supper. Draw a picture or use words to describe why we can celebrate what Jesus did. (Hint: Look at the hymns in today's bulletin. What words make you want to celebrate what Jesus did?)



Communion Music

- ★ Circle ○ the words you don't understand and ask your parents about what they mean.

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

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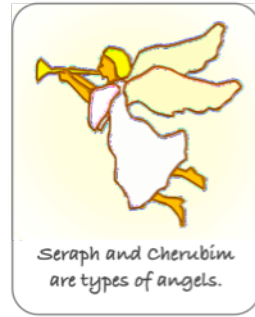
ALL:

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph;
 cherubim, with sleepless eye,
 veil their faces to the presence,
 as with ceaseless voice they cry,
 "Alleluia, alleluia,
 alleluia, Lord Most High!



The **Benediction** is a blessing God gives His people.
 Listen as the Pastor gives this special blessing to you today!

Doxology

#731

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Peace of Christ



- ☆ If you're at church, share the peace of Christ with someone near you.
- ☆ If you're at home, after worship, call or text someone to share the peace of Christ with them!

PASTOR: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

ALL: **And also with you!**

Today is the first Sunday in Advent.



During Advent, we look backward and forward.

- When we look back, who do we remember coming?
- What are some of your favorite things to remember from that time?

Who do we look forward to, excited for them to come?

- Read Revelation 21:3-5.
- What are some of your favorite things to look forward to then?

WHAT'S GOING ON IN... CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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