

ORDER OF WORSHIP
November 29, 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. McConnell

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give him glorious praise!

Psalm 66:1-2 (ESV)

+ **HYMN OF PRAISE**
The Hymnbook, no. 151

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

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 every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

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 to Thy glorious throne.

+ **INVOCATION**

+ **SONG OF PRAISE**
The ARP Psalter, no. 189

Universal Praise

OLD 100TH

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him
serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, Come ye before Him and rejoice. Amen.

PASTOR'S PRAYER

(Conclude with Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, which 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.

+ **HYMN OF FAITH**
The Hymnbook, no. 403

Tell Me the Old, Old Story

EVANGEL

Tell me the old, old story Of unseen things above, O Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
Tell me the story simply, As to a little child, For I am weak and weary, And helpless and defiled.
Tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old, story Of Jesus and His love.

Tell me the story slowly, That I may take it in That wonderful redemption, God's remedy for sin.
Tell me the story often, For I forget so soon; The early dew of morning Has passed away at noon.
Tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old, story Of Jesus and His love.

Tell me the story softly, With earnest tones and grave; Remember, I'm the sinner Whom Jesus came to save. Tell me the story always, If you would really be, I any time of trouble, A comforter to me. Tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old story, Tell me the old, old, story Of Jesus and His love.

+ **STATEMENT OF BELIEF**
The Apostles' Creed

Mr. McConnell

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON TEXT

Revelation 3:14-22

SERMON

The Church at Laodicea

Rev. Elder

HYMN OF COMMITMENT
The Hymnbook, no. 184

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

MARGARET

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room For Thy holy nativity.
O Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; There is room in my heart for Thee!

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, Proclaiming Thy royal degree;
But in lowly birth didst Thou come to earth, And in great humility.
O Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; There is room in my heart for Thee!

The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest In the shade of the forest tree;
But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God, In the deserts of Galilee.
O Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; There is room in my heart for Thee!

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living Word That should set Thy people free;
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn They bore Thee to Calvary.
O Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; There is room in my heart for Thee!

When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing at Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room, There is room at My side for thee."
And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus: There is room in my heart for Thee!

+ **INVITATION TO TRUST CHRIST**

+ **CONCLUDING BLESSING**

SONG OF RESPONSE

Benediction

STUART TOWNEND

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father, and the grace of Christ the risen Son, and the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within His love. And to Him be praise for His glorious reign, from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n. We declare the name of the Lamb once slain: Christ eternal, the King of kings!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

Church Family: Ronnie Atkinson, the family of Evan Bass, Maurice Bennett Chick Bryant, Aldaray Carns, Theresa Feaster, Elizabeth Levister, Barbara Love, Minnie Lunger, Sims Lynn, Bill Lyons, Dorothy & Harold Melton, Bobby & Frances Morrow, Hugh Orr, Dwight Pearson, Lois Roddey, Bruce Truesdale, Jenell White, Ruth & Walt Whitman, Ed & Sarah Wynn, and Isabelle Young.

Church Members: David Brunt, Chick Bryant, Bill Bundy, Lenora Bundy, Miriam Butler, Hart Caldwell, Bill Caldwell, Elizabeth Caldwell, LB Cannon, Becky Cannon, and Aldaray Carns.

Community: Gene Bigger, Bessie Feaster, Cynthia Fleming, Eunice Knox, Barbara Levister, Mary Love, Jimmy McCrorey, Nettie Owen, Annette Stepp, and Lettie Wilson.

Christian/Churches Around the World: Trinity Presbyterian Church, PCA, Persecuted Christians in China, Displaced Syrian and Iraqi Christians, Christians in the Sudan, Persecuted Christians in Pakistan.

World: Matt & Jeni Awtrey (King's Church, Irmo), Sebastian & Patti Benicourt (France), Leon & Lin Brown (Montage Church, LA), Ben Carver (Shem Creek Presbyterian), Michael & Laura Cochran (England), Josh & Vonja Thomas (Germany), Mark & Natalie Witte (Spain), People who don't know Jesus.

FLOWERS

The Flowers in the sanctuary today are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Patricia Pate Wylie by Bobby, Martha, and Grandchildren.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations. On Christmas day the Christ of our hope was born. On Good Friday the Christ of our hope died. On Easter day the Christ of our hope rose from the dead. He then ascended into heaven. On the last day the Christ of our hope will come again to establish his kingdom over all things on earth. As the followers of Christ, we await his return. We light this candle to remember that he came to us humbly in the manger of Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so he is coming again in power to deliver his people. We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return.