



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019
11:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude "Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles" Op. 9, No. 1 Paul Manz (1919-2009)
"Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles" BuxWV 211 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
"Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles" BWV 599 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Westminster Peal

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Introit "All Hail to God's Anointed"
Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

Lighting of the Advent Candles Presbyterian Women
Ann Williams, Pearl Attaway, Jeanne Gilliland

Without peace, we have no solace, no fulfillment.
As we continue the season of Advent,
we wait in hopeful anticipation
of the peace the Christ-child will bring to a weary world.
We seek to live as a people of peace,
working toward a world free of violence and vengeance,
where all can live free of abuse and fear.
We light this candle to symbolize the peace of Christ's presence.
We gather to share this peace with one another.

† Hymn No. 13 "Prepare the Way" BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that your values take second place. Forgive us, O God, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, source of power and life. Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in you. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in you, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior....Silent Confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the Good New of the Gospel.

All: *In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

† Response No. 23

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo;

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:1-12

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"The Advent Presence"

Rev. Abernethy

RESPONSE

† Hymn No. 10

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

WINCHESTER NEW

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayers of the People...concluding with the Lord's Prayer

After each petition, Pastor will say "Lord, In Your Mercy."

Congregation will respond with "Hear Our Prayer."

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.

Offering

Offertory

"Adoramus Te"

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

† Doxology (#592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

** Please Wait for Pastor & Choir to Stand *
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Elizabeth Small

SENDING

† Closing Hymn No. 8

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

† Benediction

† Choral Response

"Go With Us, Lord"

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

† Postlude

"Lord Christ, the Only Son of God" BWV 601

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service*.

As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do

As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community

As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles

Moved by the Spirit, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.

Upcoming Events

December 8	4:00 p.m.	Atlanta Concert Band Christmas Concert
	5:45 p.m.	Christmas Caroling
	6:30 p.m.	Compassionate Friends Service
December 22	11:00 a.m. (one service)	Lessons & Carols
	12:00 Noon	Reception for Elizabeth Small—F. Hall
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Live Nativity
	5:30 p.m.	Candlelight Service

Worship Participants for December 8, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Guest Organist - Dr. Kenneth Sass

Interim Dir. of Music - Matthias Young

Liturgist - Elder Joy Carden



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