



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Online Order of Worship
First Sunday of Advent
November 29th, 2020

Greetings and Welcome

Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Call to Worship

My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in God my savior.
For the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is God's name.
God's presence fills me with mercy,
And God's promises fill me with hope.
Let us worship God!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Barber Family

“What Child Is This”

GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. *(to refrain)*

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. *(to refrain)*

Prayer of Confession

Katherine Koops

Merciful God, we confess that we do not understand power. We admire our peers who have the nicest things, manage the most people, and project the greatest strength. We copy them and use our money and our status to protect ourselves. We act as if staying in control is our only hope for a meaningful life. Have mercy on us, oh God, for these are not the people you call us to be. Reveal your power to us, a power that lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry, and scatters the proud. Call us into the power of new relationships and welcoming communities. May we look to Christ as our guide, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

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

Response

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”
ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Luke 1:46-55

46 And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
50 His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Magnificat

“Song of Mary”
Magnificat

MORNING SONG

My soul gives glory to my God,
My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness
In many marvelous ways.

My God has done great things for me:

Yes, holy is God's Name.

All people will declare me blessed,

And blessings they shall claim.

Praise God, whose loving covenant

Supports those in distress,

Remembering past promises

With present faithfulness.

Prayers of the People

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

Respond with "Hear Our Prayer."

The Lord's 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.

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

Canticle of the Turning

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My soul cries out with a joyful shout

that the God of my heart is great,

And my spirit sings of the wondrous things

that you bring to the one who waits.

You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,

and my weakness you did not spurn,

So from east to west shall my name be blest.

Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears,

For the dawn draws near,

And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,

you work great things in me.

And your mercy will last from the depths of the past

to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame,

and those who would for you yearn,

You will show your might, put the strong to flight,

for the world is about to turn. *(to refrain)*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *(to refrain)*

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forbears heard
is the promise that holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *(to refrain)*

Benediction

Announcements Transcript

Peace to you all, and welcome to our digital worship service at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church on this first Sunday of Advent. We are delighted to spend the next half hour with you and listen for the many ways that God moves around us.

There are a few announcements this morning. First, our next outdoor service will occur this upcoming Sunday, December 6th. We will celebrate the sacrament of communion, as well as the sacrament of baptism of Jaqueline Penelope Nix, daughter of Anmadri Badenhorst, and granddaughter of Pieter and Amanda Badenhorst. Please sign up for this outdoor service ahead of time using the sign up genius on our website, or call the church office directly to register.

Our Christmas Eve service will be held outside in our courtyard, beginning at 4:30pm on December 24th. Sign ups will be posted on our website on December 1st, and will stay open until December 13th.

Please take a look at our church website and our facebook page for further announcements. This service was put together about a week and a half ago, and some new announcements may have come up that we did not mention here.