



Jesus said,
"Father, the hour has come;
glorify your Son
that the Son may glorify you,
since you have given him authority
over all flesh, to give eternal life
to all whom you have given him."

John 17:1-2

9:00 service
December 20, 2015 + 4th Sunday of Advent

Know + Be Known + Make Known

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Mike Farley, Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Organists and pianists are Matt Mazzoni and Nancy Mayo
Chancel Choir director is Matt Mazzoni

Advent

The colors at the front of the church are now purple. We change these colors to mark the seasons of the church year. These seasons are designed to help us remember the story of Jesus' life and his work for our salvation—the gospel. Purple, a color of royalty, marks the beginning of the story of the fulfillment of God's kingdom in the coming of Jesus the King, which we celebrate in the season of **Advent**. Advent means "coming." It is a four-week period before Christmas Day when the church remembers Jesus' first coming and looks forward to his coming again to finish the work of redemption he has begun.

Cover Art

"Jesus Brings Glory," Paul Reising, 2015

Prelude

Est ist ein Ros' entsprungen (Op. 122 No. 8)

J. Brahms

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
All: *the Second Adam and image of God,
the true God become true man.*

Liturgist: Give glory to God in the highest through Jesus,
who is Christ the Lord!

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

Good Christian Men Rejoice!
Hymnal #151

Text: 14th c. German hymn
Tune: 14th c. German tune

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is coming!

All: *He is coming indeed,
and all the earth will see the salvation of our God!*

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

SEATED

We confess our sin

The Draper Family:
Mr. Bruce, Mrs. Barbara, Addie, Isabel

Leader: In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' (Jeremiah 33:15-16)

O come, thou Wis-dom from__ on high, and or-der all things far__ and nigh. To
us the path of knowl - edgeshow, and cause us in her ways__ to go. Re -
joice! Re - joyce! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, our glory.
Let us confess our sin and sorrow to him with hope.

All: *Father of glory,
you have made us to reflect your glory to the world.
But our lives fail to show the world your goodness and glory.
You have called us to be in the world but not of it.
But we are too much of the world,
meekly following its evil ways.
And we are too removed from the world,
fearfully fleeing its challenges and needs.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Confession continues on the next page.

Leader: Father, set us apart from the world
so that we may serve the world with your truth and love.
Fill us with delight in your glory
so that your joy may flow from us to give the whole world hope
in the good news of Jesus.



O come, thou Day spring from on high and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh; dis -
perse the gloom y clouds of night, and death's dark sha dows put to flight. Re -
joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Hebrews 2:7, 9, 11

Liturgist: God created us a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned us with glory and honor in Christ, the Son of Man, because by the grace of God he suffered death for us. Therefore, he is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: Hallelujah, Amen!

We praise God

Hark the Herald Angels Sing Hymnal #133

Text: Charles Wesley 1739, alt.
Tune: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy 1840

SEATED

Christ the Lord Is Born Today Chancel Choir

Lyrics: Piae Cantones, 1582
Translation: Gunilla Marcus
Arrangement: Anders Öhrwall

Christ the Lord is born today.
Praise Him every nation.
Fall upon your knees and pray.
He will bring salvation.
Prophets did foretell it:
God, his Son would send us
always to attend us,
now and evermore.

God's grace is forever.
He will fail us never.
For the Virgin Mary
bore his Son today.

From all sin and from all shame
came a Rose to guide us.
Living in his holy name
He will be beside us.

Came a Rose to guide us.
Virgin Mary bore him.
He will be beside us
now and evermore.

God's grace is forever...

How he suffered on this earth—
what humiliation!
From a wondrous holy birth
died for our salvation,
died and rose to heaven,
died for our salvation,
Holy Son of God.

God's grace is forever...

God instructs us in scripture reading

John 17:1-5
(pew Bible p. 903)

God instructs us in preaching

“Jesus Came to Glorify the Father”
Rev. Bob Hopper

Sermon discussion questions are available in paper copies at the main Hanley Road entrance and on the table outside the Choir Room **as well as** also online at www.centralpres.com as sermon “Notes.”

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

Joy to the World
Hymnal #125

Text: Isaac Watts 1719
Tune: G. F. Handel 1742

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *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.*

We praise God

The Song of Zechariah

Text: Luke 1:68-79;
trans. Carl Daw 1989, © 1989 Hope Publishing Co.
Tune: Traditional English melody



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all,
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



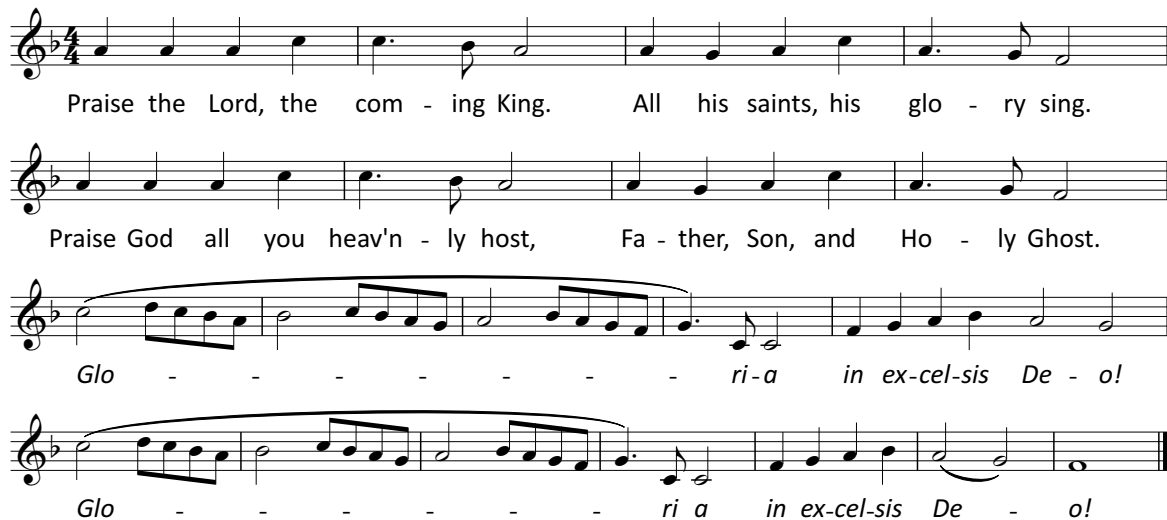
So have the pro - phets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Advent/Christmas Doxology

Tune: Traditional French melody



Praise the Lord, the com - ing King. All his saints, his glo - ry sing.

Praise God all you heav'n - ly host, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - - - - - ri a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said...

All: *Hallelujah! Amen.*

Postlude

Postlude on "Comfort, Comfort, Now My People"

P. Manz

Would you like to pray with someone?

If you would like someone to pray for you about any needs you have,
we invite you to go to the Prayer Room,
which you can reach by exiting through the door by the pulpit
and turning left at the bottom of the steps.

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