

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

December 12, 2021

**Order of Worship
GATHERING**

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Silence

Prelude

Creator of the Stars of Night
Will Benton, piano

Phil Lehenbauer

Choral Introit

Rejoice, Rejoice with Music

Stacey Nordmeyer

Call to Worship (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy
Prayer

Anne Gardepe, Nancy Warlick, Shamba Warlick

Hymn No. 83

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:7-18

pew Bible, NT, pg. 56

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we hear the call to rejoice, but too often we feel joyless and struggle to respond. We are absorbed in the demands of our days, the concerns of our families and loved ones, the fears and heaviness of our hearts. Discouragement prevails and joy eludes and we have found ourselves drifting from you. Gather us in. Forgive us. Restore us. Bring forth a new spirit within us, so that we might discover the joy for which you made us, a deep joy made known to us in Jesus.
(silent prayers of confession)

Declaring Forgiveness (Isaiah 12:3,4)

With joy, let us draw water from the springs of salvation. Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God's name.

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Advent Hymn No. 84

Creator of the Stars of Night

THE WORD

Welcoming the Children

Following the time on the steps, children are invited to pick up a lapdesk from the west side of the chancel and go sit on the floor near their families. This is PRAYground time. They have coloring and activity pages, as well as other supplies, allowing them to continue exploring today's gospel message. A PRAYground 'host teacher' will be available to help answer questions and provide needed supplies.

Blessing of Children

tune - Hymn No. 748, Tallis Canon

***Go with them, Lord, and guide their way, through this and every coming day.
That in Your spirit strong and true, their lives may be a gift to You.***

Scripture Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Pew Bible, OT pg. 826

Sermon

Christmas Company: King of Kings

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

*Affirming Our Belief

The Apostles' Creed

(page 17, Glory To God hymnal)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Come, Messiah!
Chancel Choir

Words and music by Lloyd Larson

Offering Prayers of the People

SENDING

*Advent Hymn No. 134

Joy to the World

Charge and Blessing

*Choral Response

Share the Light

Stacey Nordmeyer

Postlude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Will Benton, organist

arr. Joel Raney

December Ushers are Mark Sonderman, Aaron Hull, John Bowers, Susan Frith, Linda Shrieves and Shawn Maloney.

*Please stand if you are able

83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.

STUTTGART
8.7.8.7
(alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 82)

84 Creator of the Stars of Night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
 4 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
 splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
 hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you, hear us when we call.
 of Mar - y, blame - less moth - er mild.
 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

The Latin original of this text for Advent dates from at least the 9th century, and the English version was created a millennium later as part of the 19th-century recovery of early Christian hymns. It is provided here with its traditional plainchant setting.

TEXT: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; as in *The Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 MUSIC: Sarum plain-song, Mode IV, 9th cent.; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
 Text Alt. © 1940 Church Pension Fund
 Music Harm. © 2011 Alfred V. Fedak

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM
 LM
 (alternate harmonization, 671)
 (alternate tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
 heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, al.

MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

ANTIÖCH

CM with repeat

(alternate tune: RICHMOND, 266)



2021 Poinsettia Dedications



In Loving Memory of:

Dorothy Blue

Shirley and Alfred Bowers
Andrew Shaw

Our daughter, Lori Anne Butler
Our parents, Russell and Bobbie Butler
Buford and Geneva Byrd

My husband, Bob Clark

Our parents, Mary Ruth and Harold Corbett
Jan and Ed Fisher

My sister, Rosemarie French

My son, Bryan Park,
My husband, Will Park

Missy Kamrad

Warren Sparks
Helen Goodman
Lou Goodman

In Honor of:

Our mothers/grandmothers, Mary (Bookhardt) Sikes
and Ruth Alice Rogers

Our children, Anne Louise and Hunter,
Melissa and Andrew, Rose and Camden
Our grandchildren, Mary Margaret, Arya, Mila and Eleanor

In appreciation of the many who made the video streaming
of the Sunday worship service possible

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John Bowers

Dick and Marie Butler

Nancy Clark

Carol and Larry Fisher

Jean Kasotakis

Evie Park

Charles Rossell

Sherry Riley and Shirley Sparks

Donor:

Mike and Carol Bookhardt
Kaley and Delaney

Nancy and Walk Jones

Elsie Oberst

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Our fathers/grandfathers, Jesse (Jack) Bookhardt,
Arthur W. Heath (Building Fund)

In loving memory of our sons, Christopher Marc Chesser
and Stephen Matthew Chesser (Building Fund)

Our parents, Lois and Harvey Nesmith
Mary and Nicoll (PATH)

Betty Reynolds (Building Fund)

All those in our families who have gone before us.
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