

Enter His gates with thanksgiving;
go into His courts with praise.
Psalm 100:4

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 7:10-14

The LORD sent this message to King Ahaz: "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you also try the patience of my God? Therefore, the LORD himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him, Immanuel."

✠*Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With Them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

✠Those who are able, please stand.

✠INVOCATION~PRAYER

CONFESSION & PARDON

Psalm 119:28-29
Psalm 31:12

People: I weep with sorrow; encourage me by Your word. Keep me from lying to myself; give me the privilege of knowing Your instructions.

Leader: *In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in Your righteousness. Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.*

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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 us to Thy glorious throne.

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism (Q&A 22)

Leader: *How did Christ, the Son of God, become man?*

People: Christ, the Son of God, became man by assuming a real body and a reasoning soul. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, who gave birth to Him; yet He was sinless.

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠*Who You Say I Am*

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me.
I was lost but He brought me in.
Oh, His love for me.
Oh, His love for me.

*Who the Son sets free,
Oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am.*

Free at last, He has ransomed me,
His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me.
Yes, He died for me.

*Who the Son sets free,
Oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am.*

*In my Father's house
There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God,
Yes, I am.*

I am chosen,
Not forsaken.
I am who You say I am.
You are for me,
Not against me.
I am who You say I am.
(*I am who You say I am.*)

*Who the Son sets free,
Oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am.*

*In my Father's house
There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God,
Yes, I am.*

✠READING OF THE WORD

1 Peter 1:1-12

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD

Rev. Bud Griffith

Concerning this Salvation (The Greatness of the Gospel)
1 Peter 1:3-12

✠DOXOLOGY

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.

✠*I've Been Delivered*

Choosing the bad I want to hate;
Scorning the good I want to love;
Who shall deliver me from this
Poor body of death?
I thank my God that Jesus Christ
Crushes the sin that would entice,
And now His Love will be the
Song of my every breath.

*I've been delivered from powers of darkness.
I've been translated to the
Kingdom of God's dear Son.
Sin, with its winter of bleakness and starkness,
Fought against Heaven's Love,
And Christ and Heaven won.*

Oh Lord, You know I want to trust,
But Lord, You know I'm made from dust,
And even when my spirit wills,
My flesh is so weak.
But though my feet are made of clay,
I can still overcome today.
It's not my will that fights, but Christ,
Who's living in me.

There is a day when I'll be changed
All of creation rearranged
This vile body will be clean once and for all.
All will be perfect once again,
And though I won't be that till then,
I can still conquer sin through Christ,
Who answers my call.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session Meeting after the morning service.

A PDF of the bulletin is available on the website, www.blueridgepres.com, at the bottom of the web page.

Women's Timothy/Titus Bible study will meet at 10 am the following dates: Dec. 6 - Lesson 9; then take a break for the remainder of Dec. and resume starting Jan.3 - Lesson 10.

Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday. See Tom Pratt for details.

The Men's Fellowship Breakfast: Meets the second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. here at the church.

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Sunday School Class. We have begun a new series from Ligonier Ministries called, *Marks of a Healthy Church*. Jesus established the church as the natural arena for our spiritual growth, and our health depends on it. In this series, Dr. Mark Dever and Dr. Jonathan Leeman survey the marks of a healthy church, where we are called to display God's glorious character in unity, holiness, and love.

Miracle Hill Overcomers: Please remember to bring coffee and dry coffee supplies for the Overcomers. There is a marked box in the kitchen. Thank you for your generosity.

Greer Community Ministries: For the month of December we are collecting canned vegetables and pet food.

Be sure to check out ligonier.org for \$5 Friday for some great deals on resources with topics such as Reformed Theology, Scripture, Culture, as well as bible study aides.

Reformation Study Bibles for Africa! Ligonier Ministries is sending thousands of free copies of the Reformation Study Bible to pastors, church leaders, and students throughout Africa. The project began in 2017, and the goal is to send and distribute 100,000 Reformation Study Bibles by 2028. Our goal at Blue Ridge PCA is to raise \$1500 by Christmas to provide Reformation Study Bibles for the people of Africa. There is a basket on the back table for your offerings. Be sure to go to Ligonier.org/africa for a short video about this project.

Ladies, please join us Wednesday evening, December 1 for a time of refreshments and painting pottery at the church from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Michelle from Color Clay Cafe will bring a variety of pottery pieces to paint and all the supplies needed. The pieces will be fired and can be picked up in the church kitchen on December 12. The cost is \$20 to \$30, depending on the piece chosen. Please pay in cash. Invite a friend and join us! If you have questions please call Laurie Brown (803-467-2864). Patti Batzig will be coordinating refreshments with the Monday Women's Bible Study group. A sign-up sheet is on the back table.

Tuesday Morning 10:00 a.m. Bible Study will resume at a later time.

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THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

1st Advent Sunday

November 28, 2021

10:30 a.m.



Paraments: Liturgical colors have an instructional purpose and points us to the life of Christ and the great acts of redemptive history. Purple represents the royalty of Christ.