

CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf. The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies until the woman in labor gives birth... And He will stand to lead His flock with the LORD'S strength, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God... For He will be highly honored around the world, and He will be the source of peace.

†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.

†INVOCATION~PRAYER

†Those who are able, please stand.

CONFESION & PARDON

Psalm 51:4a
1 Corinthians 5:21

People: Against You, and You alone, have I sinned.

Leader: *For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

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.

Joy to those who long to see Thee
Day-spring from on high, appear.
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of Thy birth, we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to Him your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth!"

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end.
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

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 23)

Leader: *How is Christ our redeemer?*

People: As our redeemer, Christ is a prophet, priest, and king in both His humiliation and His exaltation.

PASTORAL PRAYER

†*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to Thee, O Israel.*

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty and awe.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

†READING OF THE WORD

Psalm 103

EXPOSITION OF THE WORD

Bless the Lord O My Soul

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†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.

†10,000 Reasons

*Bless the Lord, Oh my soul,
Oh my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
Oh my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up,
It's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass,
And whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing
When the evening comes.

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger.
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness,
I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find.

And on that day,
When my strength is failing,
The end draws near,
And my time has come;
Still, my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years,
And then forevermore!

†BENEDICTION

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers
and want fellowship;
to all who hunger
and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us at Wade's Restaurant in Spartanburg! Tuesday, November 29. We will leave the church at 10:30 or you can meet us at Wade's at 11:15. Text Bud if you are coming.

Training of Church Officers: Training will be in November and December, and election of any new officers will be in January 2022.

The Fall 2022 Ladies Bible study will be *The Envy of Eve: Finding Contentment in a Covetous World* by Melissa Kruger. 1st & 3rd Monday of each month from 10:11:30 a.m. Books are located on the table at the rear of the worship area. If you have any questions please contact Patty Batzig or Deb Redding.

Tuesday Morning Study is watching a video series on *The Parables of Jesus*. Please see Doug Redding if you have any questions.

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

The next Men's Fellowship Breakfast at the church will be December 10, 8:00 a.m.

Greer Community Ministries: For November, we'll be collecting Thanksgiving food. ie: canned sweet potatoes, dressing mix, cranberry sauce, etc.

Miracle Hill Overcomers: Coffee and coffee supplies. Marked box in kitchen.

Please pray for our missionaries.

Calvary Home for Children

Frontline Missions India (George)

Frontline Missions China (Hansen)

Miracle Hill

Peru Missions

Reformed University Fellowship

Liturgical Calendar: On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is called the prophecy candle in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ, it represents the Hope of the coming Messiah.



Liturgical Colors: Parments 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.

Opportunities for worship, edification and fellowship:

- Sunday morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m.
- Ladies Bible Study, meets the first and third Monday mornings of the month at the church.
- Tuesday morning Bible Study and fellowship meets the first 3 Tuesdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. and on the 4th
- Tuesday there is a fellowship breakfast.
- Tuesday Evening Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. here at the church.
- Men's Breakfast meets the 2nd Saturday of each month here at the church at 8:00 a.m.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

1st Advent Sunday

November 27, 2022

10:30 a.m.



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