
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP



The Morning Service

The First Sunday in Advent

The Lord's Day — December 1, 2002

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 24

*Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The LORD Summons Us Into His Presence

Silent Prayer & Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 24:7-10*

Pastor Tommy Lee

†Hymn #132 "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!"

†Salutation & Responsive Scriptures

†Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

People: **Amen!**

The LORD be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also with you!

The people who walked in darkness

Isaiah 9:2

have seen a great light;

Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,

on them light has shined!

The LORD Cleanses Us in Christ

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, so that by his coming we may be enabled to serve and obey you with pure hearts and minds. Lighten the darkness of our hearts even now, by coming to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may readily receive your good and gracious gifts today through your appointed means of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

†Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness:

O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you. I justly deserve your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily

*When the prelude begins, please be seated and silently prepare for worship

†Congregation stands

sorry for my sins, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of your Holy Spirit that I may genuinely amend my sinful life and earnestly persevere in doing your will. Lord, be gracious to me, for Jesus sake I pray. *Silent Prayer. Amen!*

†Pastor: Now lift up your heads and hear the good news . . . !

The LORD Consecrates Us By His Word

†Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

†Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so.

†It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with all the faithful of every time and place, in heaven and on earth, who forever sing to the glory of your name . . .

†Hymn #219 "Blessing and honor and glory and power"

The Old Testament Reading: *Leviticus 19:1-18*

The New Testament Reading: *Galatians 5:5-15*

Hymn #148 "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

†The Gospel Reading: *Mark 12:28-34*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Sermon: **FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE**

†Hymn #233 "Rejoice, all ye believers, and let your lights appear"

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Rejoice, beloved Christians"

(see insert)

†Prayer of Dedication, Prayer of and for the Church, & the Lord's Prayer

†The *Gloria Patri*

The LORD Communes With Us at His Table

†The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall 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.

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Bread and Wine

†Communion Hymn #231 “Wake, awake, for night is flying”

The LORD Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

†Closing Hymn: #147 “O come, O come, Emmanuel”

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen!

†Postlude & Greet One Another!

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Royal blue, the color for **ADVENT**, symbolizes for us the promised coming of our Lord & King Jesus Christ. The traditional initials **IHS** on the pulpit scarf are short for **IHSOUS**, the Greek name “Jesus.” The **CROWN** should remind us that when the God-man Jesus Christ returns it will be manifest to all people that he has been crowned King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

WELCOME to Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, especially those who are visiting with us for the first time today. Please fill out the visitor's registration before the service begins. Join us again this evening at 6 pm for our evening service of praise, prayer, and teaching.

The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

December 1, 2002 — 6:00 P.M.



Meditate on *Psalm 24*

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Meditation: *Psalm 24*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm 24 “The Lord is King of earth’s domain” *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

Hymn Sing & Prayer Requests

†*The Magnificat* “My soul doth magnify the Lord” (see handout)

Scripture Reading: *TBA*

Sermon: **AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY, PART II** Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Closing Hymn: #499 “Children of the heavenly King” (Tune of #165)