
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP



The Morning Service

The Second Sunday in Advent

The Lord's Day — December 8, 2002

Preparation For Worship: Revelation 22:1-21

*Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The LORD Summons Us Into His Presence

Silent Prayer & Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Revelation 22:16-17*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #145 "Come, thou long expected Jesus"

†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!

A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God! *Isaiah 40:3*

According to his promise, we wait for a new heavens and a new earth

In which righteousness dwells! *2 Peter 3:13*

The LORD Cleanses Us in Christ

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

Merciful God, our heavenly Father, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, age after age. 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 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 our 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 #87 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

(see insert)

Scripture Readings

Baptismal Explanation & Exhortation

Baptismal Hymn: "Dearest Jesus, we are here"

(see insert)

Parental Vows: *Rev. Kevin E. & Ruth Ann Bowen*

Congregational Admonition & Vows

Holy Baptism: *Blair Elizabeth Bowen*

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *Elder Monte Shields*

†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.

†The Scripture Reading: *Galatians 5:25—6:10* Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Sermon: **THE LAW IN THE HANDS OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH**

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*

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

†Congregation stands

The LORD Communes With Us at His Table

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial
The Distribution of the Bread and Wine
†Communion Hymn #122 “Of the Father’s love begotten”

The LORD Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

†Closing Hymn: #253 “O Spirit of the living God” (Tune of #54)
†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*
†Three-fold Amen!

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

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 a 6 pm for our evening service of praise, prayer, and teaching.

The Evening Service

Our Evening Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise

December 8, 2002 — 6:00 P.M.



Meditate on 1 Timothy 1:1-20

Prelude Mr. Bill Hoover
Scripture Meditation: *1 Timothy 1:1-20* Pastor Jeff Meyers
†Hymn of Confession “We all believe in one true God” (see insert)
Hymn Sing & Prayer Requests
†*The Magnificat* “My soul doth magnify the Lord” (see handout)
Scripture Reading: *Genesis 1:1-2, 26-31; Proverbs 25:2*
Sermon: Adam & Eve's Royal Spirituality Pastor Jeff Meyers
†Closing Psalm: #36 “He who in evil does rejoice” *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*
†Benediction & Postlude