
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

The Morning Service

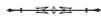
The Fourth Sunday in Advent

The Lord's Day — December 22, 2002

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 126

*Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The LORD Summons Us Into His Presence

Silent Prayer & Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 150:1-2*

Pastor Jeffrey Meyers

†Hymn #135 "I greet thee who my sure Redeemer art"

†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!

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

O praise the Lord with me,

Let us exalt his Name together!

Psalm 34:3

The LORD Cleanses Us in Christ

†Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord:

God of grace, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of Lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. 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:

Merciful God, our heavenly Father, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. I humbly confess my sins and ask your mercy. I have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have I loved my neighbor as myself. I have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly

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

†Congregation stands

before you, my God. Have mercy on me, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of my salvation and sustain us with your bountifully Spirit. 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 #288 (*Psalm 149*) "O praise ye the Lord"

The Old Testament Reading: 2 *Samuel 7:1-17*

Pastor Tommy Lee

The Psalter Reading: *Psalm 89:1-4, 19-29*

The New Testament Reading: *Philippians 2:1-12*

Hymn "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

(see insert)

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 1:1-17*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

Sermon: **THE MIND OF CHRIST AND THE FORM OF GOD**

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†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

Pastor Tommy Lee

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 #596 “Jesus lives, and so shall I”

The LORD Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

†Closing Hymn: #124 “At the Name of Jesus”

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†A Parting Prayer: “God be with you till we meet again”

God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you —
God be with you till we meet again

God be with you till we meet again,
’Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you —
God be with you till we meet again

†Postlude

†Greet One Another!

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 22, 2002 — 6:00 P.M.



Meditate on 1 Timothy 4:1-4

Prelude

Mr. Bill Hoover

Scripture Meditation: *1 Timothy 4:1-4*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Psalm of Praise: Hymn #348 “O bless our God with one accord”

Hymn Sing & Prayer Requests

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

Scripture Reading: *Matthew 26:16-29*

Sermon: **THE NORMAL CHRISTIAN LIFE**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Closing Hymn: #346 “Sun of my soul, thou savior dear”

†Benediction & Postlude