
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

The Morning Service

The First Sunday in Advent

The Lord's Day — November 30, 2003

Preparation For Worship: Psalm 24

*Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The Lord Calls Us Into His Presence

Silent Prayer & Preparation

†Call to Worship: *Psalm 24:7-10*

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

†Hymn #146 "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Salutation & Responsive Scriptures

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

Congregation: **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" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Psalm 50*

The New Testament Reading: *Revelation 14:6-20*

Hymn #239 (*Psalm 50:1-6*) "The mighty God" *Trinity Hymnal* (Tune of #125)

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 9:35–10:15*

†The Nicene Creed

(see insert)

SERMON: THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

XXVII. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO St. MATTHEW

†Hymn #233 "Rejoice, all ye believers"

Trinity Hymnal

The Lord Receives Our Gifts

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

†Prayer of Dedication & the Lord's Prayer

†The *Gloria Patri*

The Lord Communes With Us at His Table

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Bread and Wine

†Communion Hymn #231 "Wake, awake"

Trinity Hymnal

Pastoral Benediction

†The Song of Simeon (*Nunc Dimittis*): *Luke 2:30-32*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared

before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Congregation: **And his mercy endures forever!**

Pastor: Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come; that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by your mighty deliverance; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, age after age.

Congregation: **Amen!**

The Lord Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

†Closing Hymn: #147 "O come, O come, Emmanuel" *Trinity Hymnal*

†Benediction: *Numbers 6:24-26*

†Three-fold Amen!

†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

November 30, 2003 — 6:00 P.M.



Meditate on *Psalm 25*

Scripture Meditation: *Psalm 25*

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Hymn #583 (*Psalm 25*) "Lord, I lift up my soul"

(Tune of #492)

Hymn Sing & Prayer Requests

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

Scripture Readings: *Jeremiah 33: 14-16 & Luke 21:25-33*

Sermon: **THE MEANING OF ADVENT SEASON**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

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

†Benediction & Postlude