
COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

The Morning Service

The Second Sunday in Advent

The Lord's Day — December 7, 2003

Preparation For Worship: Revelation 22:1-21

*Organ - Mr. Bill Hoover

Welcome & Announcements - Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers



The Lord Calls Us Into His Presence

Silent Prayer & Preparation

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

Pastor Chris Smith

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

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!

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" *Trinity Hymnal*

The Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 32:15-35*

Pastor Chris Smith

The New Testament Reading: *1 Peter 4:7-19*

†The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 10:16-42*

†The Nicene Creed

(see insert)

Sermon: **NOT WITHOUT CONTROVERSY**

Pastor Jeffrey J. Meyers

XXVIII. EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

The Lord Receives Our Gifts

We Offer Ourselves Through Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "O come, the nations' Savior"

(see insert)

†Prayer of Dedication & the Lord's Prayer

†The *Gloria Patri*

The Lord Communes With Us at His Table

†Prayer of Thanksgiving & Memorial

Pastor Chris Smith

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Bread and Wine

†Hymn #119 "O Lord, how shall I meet thee" *Trinity Hymnal* & see insert

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

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

†Congregation stands

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: #224 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *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

December 7, 2003 — 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 handout)

Hymn Sing & Prayer Requests

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

Scripture Reading: *1 Timothy 4:1-10*

Sermon: **A DEFENSE OF CHRISTMAS, PART II**

Pastor Jeff Meyers

†Closing Psalm #36 "He who in evil does rejoice" *Anglo-Genevan Psalter*

†Benediction & Postlude