

The Divine Service of Covenant Renewal

on the Lord's Day
December 10, 2017

Prelude

But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.
Habakkuk 2:20

Welcome

God Calls Us to Worship Him

† **Call to Worship** Luke 2:13-15

Pastor: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

People: *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”*

Pastor: When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

People: *“Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”*

Δ† **Hymn of Adoration**

203 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

† **Salutation and Responsive Scriptures**

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

People: *Amen!*

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

People: *Who made heaven and earth!*

Pastor: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

People: *A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.*

† **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Praise**

† **The Lord's Prayer** Together as God's People

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† **Affirmation of Faith** Elder Lance Kinzer

The Apostles' Creed (p. 845, together as God's people)

Δ† **Gloria Patri**

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, amen.

God Graciously Renews Us in Christ

We Confess Our Sin

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

Individual Silent Confession of Sin

God Forgives Us in Christ Psalm 103:11-13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. *In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!*

Interlude for Meditation

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Mike Podorski Family

Δ† **Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

201 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

† **The Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

Pastor: Let us offer one another a sign of peace!

(Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words which the church has used over the centuries, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and the response, “And also with you.”)

Evening Prayer Elder Joel Thomas

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

† **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

God Instructs Us With His Word

Scripture Reading The Rev. Dr. Anthony J. Felich

Luke 1:26-56

Prayer for Illumination

Preaching of the Word

Advent Sermon Series

“The Weight of the World Upon Mary”

† **Hymn of Response** (as the Elders prepare the Table)

213 *What Child Is This* (1-2)

God Meets and Feeds Us at His Table

Invitation and the Words of Institution Rev. Felich

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements The Elders

(Partake of the Bread individually and the Cup together. Wine is used for communion with a limited amount of grape juice in the center rings. Please note the bread in the center of the plate is gluten free.)

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out

† **Hymn of Dedication**

213 *What Child Is This* (3)

† **Benediction** Rev. Felich

† **Hymn of Dismissal**

218 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* (5)

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son; evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Postlude

The Order of Divine Worship
concludes with your silent prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

† Indicates the congregation standing

Δ Ushers may seat latecomers