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Christ Church PCA

December 11, 2016

~ Third Sunday of Advent ~

We have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven

~ Hebrews 8:1

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, send out your Light and your truth;
let them lead us;
let them bring us to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!

**Then we will go to the altar of God,
to God, our exceeding joy,
and we will praise Him with the lyre,
O God, our God.**

HYMN # 201 *

O Little Town of Bethlehem

HYMN # 208 *

O Come, All Ye Faithful

INVOCATION *

* *Stand as you are able*
Bold Print *– speak together in unison*

Confession of Sin

Christ the righteous lamb died for us the unrighteous and the rebellious.

Forgive us for our willful forgetfulness
of what you have done on our behalf.

The nations rage against your reign

And when we feel the heat of that rage
we question our safety with you.
We have doubted the security of your deliverance,
your words of assurance.

Gracious God, we appeal to your mercy.

Restore us to the secure hope we have in Christ
and strengthen us for the work of glorifying you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon Ezekiel 36:25-26

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Children's Sermon

Tithes and Offerings

Choir

Angels from the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)

Prayer

God, Be Merciful to Me

God, be merciful to me;
On Thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me, from my sin.

My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

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Scripture Reading * Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10

Sermon

"The Coming of the Great High Priest"

~ Pastor Ian Hard

Hymn # 224 *

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Benediction *

WELCOME!

Christ Church PCA is part of the body of Christ where the Word of God is taught, heard and lived. We provide a friendly place of worship for all people, minister to the needs and aspirations of our congregation, and extend Christian outreach to the community and the world.

More information about our church can be found at www.ccpcanh.org and on our Facebook page.

NEWS AND EVENTS IN OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

DOVE SINGERS REHEARSALS

The Dove Singers will begin rehearsals on January 9th, at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Hooksett. 2017 marks the 40th anniversary, and the final season, of The Dove Singers.

This non-denominational Christian group will be presenting "Known by The Scars" on March 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th. Singers, actors, dancers, instrumentalists, and techies are all needed.

Rehearsals will be every Monday, 1/9 through 3/20, from 7:00 to 9:30 PM, and all ages are welcome.

More information can be found on our website, www.dovesingers.org; or from Dan and Gayle Troy, Bob Hilton, Elaine Welch, the Crosses or the Bachands.

HOOKSETT FELLOWSHIP WORK DAY

Things are coming together as Hooksett Fellowship prepares for launch. Save the date for a work day on December 17th, to do some painting and odd jobs to help them get their space ready for the first worship service. More details to come.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Snowy weather is here and the church wants you to be informed should it be bad enough that we need to cancel Sunday school and/or the worship service.

A decision to cancel will be made by 7am on Sunday mornings, with the cancellation indicated on the church website, WMUR, Facebook and with an email.

If you would like to be on a call/text list to be notified, please let Pastor Ian know.

GREETERS:

December – Irene Lindsey

January – Dean Jore

February –

REFRESHMENTS:

The sign-up sheet for refreshments and lunches for December through February is now available.

These times are a great chance for us to all fellowship together after Sunday service with our church family. If you are able to provide refreshments, or willing to host a lunch, please sign up on the pages located on the greeter's table at the sanctuary entrance.

December 11th – ***Church Lunch and Annual Yankee Swap!!***

December 18th – The Braley Family

December 25th – The Hard Family

CHOIR:

Choir practice is every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Please plan to join us!
See Gayle Troy with any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday school for adults is every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Sunday school for children is every Sunday at 9 a.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Next breakfast is Saturday, January 14th, at 8 am.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:

Will next meet on Saturday, January 28th, at 9 a.m.

This year we will follow the theme "It's a Gift."

REVIVAL PRAYER:

Next meeting is Wednesday, December 21st, at 7 pm.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES:

A small group, led by Pastor Ian Hard, meets at the church each Sunday at 5 pm for an inductive study of the book of Hebrews.

A second small group, led by Jason LaCombe, meets at the LaCombe's house each Saturday at 5 p.m. to study the book of Romans.

A men's small group, led by Mark Saltsman, meets at Havenwood (on Christian Avenue in Concord) every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. to study the book of John.

Make your list…

…and check it twice!!

Time to wrap up the presents, bake your holiday best, and join us December 11th at the

Annual Christmas Lunch and Church-wide Yankee Swap!!

Bring your favorite holiday food to share and join us for a time of food and merry fellowship as we celebrate the start of the Christmas season…

…then join us in the spirit of good-hearted Christian revelry at the Annual Church Yankee Swap!

It's sure to be a jolly good time!!

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