



*December 4, 2022 | Advent Week 2*

**A Home Bulletin**

*Our faith is in Christ Jesus.*

***Jesus our Lord and Savior is coming. Praise be to God***

## **GREETING & 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.**

*adapted from Psalm 43:3-4*

## **INVOCATION**

### **SONGS OF PRAISE**

#### ***Arise, O God, and Shine***

Arise, O God, and shine in all thy saving might,  
And prosper each design to spread thy glorious light;  
Let healing streams of mercy flow,  
That all the earth thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near to sing thy glorious praise;  
Let ev'ry people hear and learn thy holy ways.  
Reign, mighty God, assert thy cause,  
And govern by thy righteous laws.

Put forth thy glorious pow'r, that Gentiles all may see,  
And earth present her store in converts born to thee.  
O Lord, our God, thy Church so bless,  
And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only wise, the one immortal King,  
Let hallelujahs rise from ev'ry living thing;  
Let all that breathe, on ev'ry coast,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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### ***Lift Up Your Heads***

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.

A helper just he comes to thee, his chariot is humility,  
his kingly crown is holiness, his scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

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## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you  
and for ignoring your immensity and greatness

**Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule  
the nations and our small lives.**

Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power  
and squandering your gifts.

**We confess that our blindness to your glory,  
O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession,  
tepid conviction, and only mild repentance.  
Have mercy upon us.**

## **SILENT CONFESSION**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

I John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Who is Jesus Christ?

**He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.  
By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible  
and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities.**

What has Christ done?

**All things were created through him and for him.  
He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the Church.  
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything he might be preeminent.  
In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Why should we follow Christ?

**He is the radiance of the glory of God  
and the exact imprint of his nature,  
and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.  
After making purification for sins,  
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,  
having become as much superior to angels  
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

*-Adapted from Colossians 1:15-20 & Hebrews 1:1-4*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **RECEPTION OF OFFERINGS**

## **PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

### *Unto Us a Child is Given*

To us a child of hope is born, to us a Son is giv'n,  
Him shall the tribes of earth obey, Him all the hosts of Heav'n.

Refrain

His pow'r, increasing, still shall spread,  
His reign no end shall know,  
Justice shall guard His throne above,  
And peace abound below.

His Name shall be the Prince of Peace, forevermore adorned,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor, the great and mighty Lord. *(refrain)*

To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is giv'n,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor, the mighty Lord of Heav'n. *(refrain)*

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

I Samuel 29:1-11

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

“They’re Playing Your Song”

Pastor Ian Hard

[Please find the sermon outline and/or space for notes after  
the *Benediction* at the end of bulletin.]

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

### *Glori 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.

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## **CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

*If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the physical presence of the body of Christ.*

## **MERCY OFFERING**

### **HYMN OF SENDING**

#### ***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *(refrain)*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
*(refrain)*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
*(refrain)*

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## **BENEDICTION**

**Sermon NOTES:** They're Playing Your Song