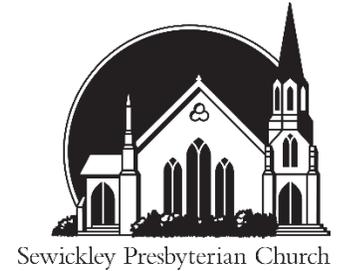


Order of Worship | November 27, 2022

11 AM

Worship Leader: Rev. Derek R. Davenport



Prelude

Selections from Preludes

Introit

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

O come let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Sing and rejoice!

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Derek R. Davenport

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

The Quaka Family

Opening Hymn #93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven'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.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Adapted from Bishop Thomas Wilson, 1663

Mike Creamer

O Lord of mercies and God of all comforts, who by your blessed Son has declared that all sins shall be forgiven upon true repentance, let this most comfortable word support us, your servants, against temptation. Though our sins are great, they cannot be too great for your mercy, which is infinity. Give us true repentance for all the errors of our past and steadfast faith in your son Jesus Christ that our sins may be done away by your mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Confession Response

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.

Children's Sermon

Anthem

O Clap Your Hands Together, All Ye People
Chancel Choir

O Clap your hands together, all ye people:
Sing unto God with the voice of melody.

For the Lord is high and to be feared:
He is the great King upon all the earth.
He shall choose out an heritage for us:
Even the worship of Jacob whom He loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise, is gone up.
And the Lord with the sound of the trump.

For God is the King, the King of all the earth:
Sing ye praises with understanding.
Sing unto God.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:5-21

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Silent Nights

Rev. Derek R. Davenport

Sermon Hymn #88

(We will receive the 4th Sunday Hunger Offering during the singing of this hymn. The offering is meant to be sacrificial, above our regular giving. Please come forward as clergy place a basket before the Communion table and place your gift. All proceeds will go to The Ladle.)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verses 1-3 & 7

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily:
To us the path of knowledge show;
And teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering & Offertory

Come, Thou Dear Redeemer
Paul Yeater, tenor

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Emily I. Miller

Our Father who 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.

Prayer Response

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God, and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Closing Hymn #83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thin all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in Cm

***The flowers today are given in to the
glory of God and in loving memory of
David A. Murdoch***

***by the Murdoch Family - Joan, Christina, Tim and Devon,
Wylie, Mac and Lemmy, Ryan and Deborah Ash and Eleanor.***

Worship Participants

Rev. Derek R. Davenport

Rev. Emily I. Miller

Mike Creamer

Robert Manuel – organ/piano

Raymond Blackwell – piano/soloist

Soloists:

Xiu-Ru Liu, Anna Singer,

and Paul Yeater

Ushers:

Ed Miller, Oliver Rea,

and Ann Strong

Tech Crew:

Dave Breit, Jennifer Johnson,

and Stephanie Smith

Credits

Selections from Preludes, *D. Buxtehude*

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, *Truro*

Gloria Patri, *Gloria Patri*

O Clap Your Hands Together, All Ye People, *Martin Shaw*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, *Veni Emmanuel*

Come, Thou Dear Redeemer, *Cesar Franck*

Doxology, *Old Hundredth*

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine, *Alice Parker*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, *Stuttgart*

Prelude and Fugue in Cm, *J. S. Bach*

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE?

Thank you for visiting our church this morning. We'd love to reach out to you. Let us know you were here by putting your name and contact information in one of the pew pads. We welcome you to visit our website to learn more about ways you can take part in groups, classes, and events. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Sharon Barber (sbarber@sewickleypresby.org/412.741.4550).

Visit our website for complete details on events and groups that meet during the week.

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PRAYER NEEDS

Prayers for Presence and Healing | Neill Barker, Beverly Harris, Bob Kopf, Michele Madden (daughter-in-law of Bobbi Bonnett), Jim Morrissey, and Bill Tranter.

**Please find a full list of Prayer Needs below.*

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday | 9 AM - 5 PM
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PRAYER LIST

As of November 22, 2022

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers.
If you would like to be added to the list,
please visit our website for an online form,
or contact the church office.

Prayers for Presence and Healing

Neill Barker
Annie Benson
Beverly Harris
Bob Kopf
Michele Madden (daughter-in-law of Bobbi Bonnett)
Jim Morrisey
Bill Tranter

Continue to Pray for

Emily Ericson (niece of Ann Walker)
Suzie Gilliland
Jill Henke (cousin of Don Birnie)
Laurel Hutchins (mother of Bruce McAdams)
Ray Mazza (grandfather-in-law of Austin Braksick)
Corinne Meanor (member of Amigos)
Jason Merriman (son-in-law of Chris Standish)
Nate Moore (Edgeworth neighbor)
Cindy Mosholder (daughter of Virginia Picard)
Morna Murray
Kim Petro (mother of Jaimie Petro)

(please see page 2 on the back)

Anne Rockwell (sister-in-law of Liz Fecko)
Karen Safran
Skooter Van Kirk (son of Jane Van Kirk)
Mary Wear
Brenda Wiley (mother of Brittan Curigliano)
Tony Zidansek

Continued Prayers for the Bereaved

Ray Blackwell
Bobbi Bonnett
Childs Family
Craig Family
Cummins Family
Edson Family
Gebhardt Family
Gordon Family
Hayden Family
Howes Family
Kopf Family
McCargo Family
McQuone Family
Anna Singer
Stevens Family
Szuba Family
Kelly Stover
Williams Family

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