

Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 18, 2016
Morning Worship | 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

Welcome

Prelude

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Bells of the Trinity; Mary Clark, director

traditional French carol
arr. Dan Miller

*Congregational Introit

“Ye Gates, Lift Up Your Heads”

St. George’s, Edinburgh

Ye gates lift up your heads on high; ye
doors that last for ay— be lift-ed up, that— so the King of—
glo - ry en - ter may! But who of glo - ry is the
King? The might-y Lord is this, Ev'n that same Lord, that
great— in — might — and strong in bat - tle is. Ev'n that same Lord, that
great— in — might — and strong— in — bat - tle— is.
Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia! Al - le-lu - ia!
A - men, A - men, A - men.

*Call to Worship

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn No. 145

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Adeste Fideles

***Confession of Faith—Westminster Larger Catechism 36, 37**

Q. 36 Who is the mediator of the covenant of grace?

A. **The only mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father. In the fullness of time he became human, and so he was and continues to be God and man, in two complete and distinct natures, but one person, forever.**

Q. 37 How did Christ, the Son of God, become man?

A. **Christ the Son of God became man by taking a true body and a reasoning soul. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary out of her substance and was born of her, but he was sinless.**

***Hymn No. 624—Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Sharing of Family News

Prayer of Intercession and Lord's Prayer

8:00 Rev. Rob Yancey

9:30 Rev. Corey Gray

11:00 Rev. Ron Meyer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 7:11-16

pages 5-6, pew Bible

Lighting of the Advent Candle

8:00 The Bettridge Family

9:30 Rhoda Dixon

11:00 The Souryal Family

***Hymn No. 128**

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Carol

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

8:00 John Sillin

9:30 Tim Greszler

11:00 John Ritterpusch

Offertory

"Gesù Bambino"

Pietro Yon

Natalie Conte, soprano; Colin Johnson, bass

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows, upon a winter night,
Was born the child the Christmas rose, the king of love and light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced;
And at his blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture flows to greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas rose, its king of love and light.
Let ev'ry voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell
From paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 24:36-51

page 830, pew Bible

Sermon

“Surprise”

Dr. Todd Smedley

4th in the Advent series, “What to Expect When You’re Expecting”

***Hymn No. 133**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Mendelssohn

Benediction

***Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

Wilbur Held, Myron Roberts

** Congregation standing, if able*

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