

CUP EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“Join us for a drink of Living Water”



December 11, 2022
The Third Sunday in Advent
Welcome Shine Families!

We welcome you to the worship of God Almighty this Lord's Day. It is our intention to bring glory and honor to Him. God enters our time of worship and we remember this time belongs to Him. Your Worship Commission

**Please stand, if you are able.*

Nursery for children infant to 4 yrs. old is available upstairs in the Christian Education Wing (please see Usher for directions)

Meditation

Christmas shows us that God is not just concerned about spiritual problems but physical problems too. . . here God is deliberately working with people the world despises. The very first witnesses to his nativity and resurrection are people whom the world says you can't trust, people the world looks down on.

-- Tim Keller

Westminster Chimes and Announcements

(During announcements, we ask members and visitors to please sign the Friendship Register and pass it on. Send them back down your row so you can note who is worshipping with you today. We invite visitors to give us your complete address.)

Prelude

'Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming'

~ arr. Praetorius

The Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

The Cox/McCandless Family

*Call to Worship

(based on Luke 1:46-50)

Sylvia Myers, Lay Assistant

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!

People: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Leader: The mighty One has done great things for us!

People: Holy is God's name!

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: For He is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation God gives mercy.

*Hymn No. 131

'Angels, from the Realms of Glory'

(verses 1-2,4)

*Praise and Worship

'Joy to the World!'

'King of Kings'

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(In unison)*

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things— our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, Amen...*(silent prayers of confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

*Creed

from The Westminster Longer Catechism

How did Christ, the Son of God, become human?

Christ the Son of God became human 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.

Why was our mediator called Jesus?

Our mediator was called Jesus because he saves his people from their sins.

Why was our mediator called Christ?

Our mediator was called Christ, because he was anointed with the Holy Spirit beyond all measure. Consequently, he was set apart and completely equipped with all authority and power to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of his church, in both his humiliation and his exaltation.