

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WICHITA FALLS

December 19, 2021

A GUIDE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Paul Manz

PRELUDE Good Christian Men Rejoice

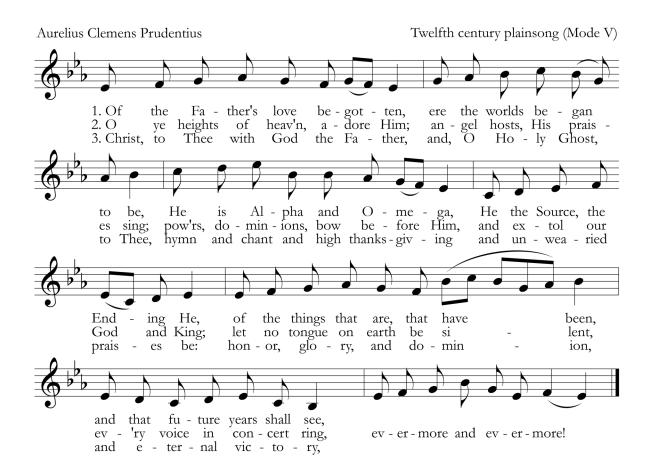
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE | The Laird Family

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

***OPENING PRAYER**

*HYMN OF PRAISE | Of the Father's Love Begotten, No. 7



Merciful God, always with us, always coming: we confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.

Time for silent prayer and confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND COMFORT

"Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved! Psalm 80:3"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mary Esther Chisum
Daughter of Phillip and Sarah Chisum

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Luke 1:39-55 p. 856 in pew Bible "A loyful Faith" | Rev. Michael Hansen

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The offering of time, money, and talents is a commitment to God and our participation in God's redeeming work in the world. You are welcome to place a financial gift to God as the offering plate is passed. You may also give online at myfirstpres.org/giving or text "give" to 830-584-1063.

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM | Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Howard Helvey

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.

To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere; true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

*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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, No. 147 (see p. 6)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Vieus Noel Cesar Franck

All are sent to serve and love the Lord following the Benediction.

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Announcements

December 19, 2021

EVERYONE

Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 24th 6:00 PM

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 26th 10:30 AM

Childcare and Sunday School

There will be no childcare or Sunday school for all ages on December 26th and January 2nd.

Church Office Holiday Closings

- · Friday, December 24th, close at noon.
- Monday, December 27th closed in observance of Christmas Day.
- Friday, December 31st closed in observance of New Year's Day.

Office Administrator Position Filled

Hayden Cowan will return to the First Pres staff as the Office Administrator. We are happy to welcome a familiar face back Join us in welcoming him when he starts on December 28th.

YOUTH

Youth Group Break

Youth group will return on Wednesday, January 19th.

MINISTRY STAFF

Rev. Michael Hansen, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

Rev. Michael Morris, Assistant Pastor/Director of Student Ministries

Lance Hargis, Director of Music

Dustin Fike, Director of Contemporary Music

Dr. Ron Hough, Organist

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Current Period

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Total Income	\$82,663	\$886,407
Total Expense	\$77,673	\$867,967
Net Income (Loss)	\$4,990	\$18,440

Period Ending November 30, 2021

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