



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WICHITA FALLS

December 19, 2021

A GUIDE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

Good Christian Men Rejoice

Paul Manz

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

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius

Twelfth century plainsong (Mode V)



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan  
2. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; an - gel hosts, His prais -  
3. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the  
es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, and ex - tol our  
to Thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing and un - wea - ried



End - ing He, of the things that are, that have been,  
God and King; let no tongue on earth be si - lent,  
prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion,



and that fu - ture years shall see,  
ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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*

## \*SONG OF HOPE & TRUST | How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin

*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*

*All children are welcome to come to the front for a kid friendly message following the Song of Hope and Trust.*

## 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 Joyful 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](http://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

Vieux Noel

Cesar Franck

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

Latin, c. Twelfth century

Plainsong (Mode I), Thirteenth century

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer our spir - its by Thine  
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord cease;

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

# 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 |           |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| <b>Total Income</b>      | \$82,663       | \$886,407 |
| <b>Total Expense</b>     | \$77,673       | \$867,967 |
| <b>Net Income (Loss)</b> | \$4,990        | \$18,440  |

*Period Ending November 30, 2021*

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