



Glendale Presbyterian Church



December 3, 2023 | 10 AM
First Sunday of Advent

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Bold text is read by the congregation.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

You may access the online order of worship to follow along on any digital device:



In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

+ At this time children are invited to come forward to the front pew for conversation around our texts for the week.

Gather

Welcome & Announcements | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Prelude | Waltz of the Flowers, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky ("The Nutcracker Suite") | Carol Schmidt

*Call to Worship | Advent Wreath Lighting

*Hymn | Response to Advent Wreath Lighting | "Anthem" by Leonard Cohen

**Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack, a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in**

Call to Confession | Liturgist

Prayer of Confession

God who is drawing near to us: we live in a world of violence, which we do not condemn enough. Come to us, with your peace. We are filled with the best of intentions but are unable to follow through with action. Come to us, with your will. We are sinners, who are afraid to gaze into your mirror of grace. Come to us, with your mercy. Word of Flesh: have mercy; Friend of the poor: have mercy; Bridegroom of the faithful: have mercy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: In this season of waiting, the Good News is this: mercy, new life, hope, and joy are the gifts we receive from our God.

All: Thanks be to the God of Advent, who came in the Child, who is with us in the Spirit, who will come again in glory! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem | Anthem, Leonard Cohen | Chancel Choir

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination | Liturgist

+Opening the Word with Young Disciples | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Hymn | GTG #82 | "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Scripture | Isaiah 64:1-9 and 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Sermon | "Hope: Ring the Bells" | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Respond to God's Word

* Hymn | GTG #89 | "For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits"

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

For You, O Lord, My Soul 89

in Stillness Waits

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain Am Dm F G A B^b C Am7 Dm *Fine*

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

Dm Am Dm Am Dm

1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,
 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its;
 3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,
 4 O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim-age;
 5 Come, let us bow be - fore the God who made us;
 6 Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the heav - ens,

Am Dm Am Dm Am

your ra-diance shines in all who look to you; come, light the
 our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your word; come, make us
 and in your ad - vent, draw us all to you, our hope re -
 we ev - er seek, yet un - ful-filled re - main; o - pen to
 let ev - ery heart be o - pened to the Lord, for we are
 Cre - a - tor of the moun-tains and the seas, Lord of the

Dm Am G C Am7 Dm Am Dm *to Refrain*

hearts of all in dark and shad - ow.
 whole, be com - fort to our hearts.
 born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.
 us the path - way of your peace.
 all the peo - ple of God's hand.
 stars, and pres - ent to us now.

With a paraphrase of Psalm 62:5 as a refrain, this Advent text adapts four of the "Great O" antiphons (all of which can be seen in no. 88), combining them with a paraphrase of Psalm 95:6-7 and an echo of a medieval hymn. This rich blend yields a wealth of imagery and meaning.

Affirmation of Faith | Selections from the Confession of 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of humanity's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate... With an urgency born of hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Words of Offering | Liturgist

Minute for Mission | Peggy Mayfield: Christmas Joy Offering

Prayer of Dedication | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Now, in this holy season of Advent, God comes to be with you.

All: God comes to be with you as well.

One: As we begin our journey to Bethlehem, let us open our hearts to God.

All: For God will fill them with strength and courage for the journey.

One: Let us join our voices in singing praise to God.

All: We will lift glad songs of joy to the One who is coming to us.

One: When you were tired of waiting, ...we sing your praises this day:

All: Holy, holy, holy are you, God who comes to us.

All creation gives thanks to you, always.

Glory to you in the highest!

Blessed is the One who gathers us to you.

Glory to you in the highest!

One: In your holiness, you could have stood apart from us, ...we proclaim that mystery which is our faith:

All: Christ died, giving his life as he called to you;

Christ was raised, resurrection love shining the way;

Christ will come, to gather us from every time and place.

One: Remembering that we are all your people, ...God in Community, Holy in One.
Amen.

Communion of the People

*Doxology | GTG #582 | "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

Prayers of the People | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

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.

*Hymn | GTG #79 | "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

*Blessing and Benediction | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Postlude | Light of the World, Stephen Schwartz ("Godspell") | Carol Schmidt

Some Liturgies come from Thom M. Shuman's Lectionary Liturgies:

<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>

The Confession of 1967 was influenced by Karl Barth, reflecting the view of Scripture espoused by the corresponding biblical theology movement prominent in mainline Protestant theological schools in the mid-twentieth century.

Tithes and offerings may be left in the offering plate. Those who prefer to donate electronically are invited to donate through our church website:



Our congregation has a practice of staying seated for the duration of the postlude.


Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.



582


Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

Prayer Requests

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for safe travels for all, over the holidays.

Continued prayers for Randy's brother, Buddy, as he participates in a new clinical trial to treat brain cancer.

Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

Announcements

Have a question about an event? An announcement to share? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepres@gmail.com

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries

GPC is again partnering with Webster-Rock Hill Ministries to adopt a family (or families) this Christmas.

Liturgical Arts has set up a Christmas tree with gift tags of suggested gifts at the church's entry. You are welcome to take a tag (or several tags).

All gifts must be turned in to the church by Tuesday, Dec. 5. Gifts will be collected in the library (across from the nursery).

Gifts must be wrapped and labeled with the recipient's first name.

WRHM suggests that we consider purchasing one gift per family member, valued at approximately \$25 per gift.

If you prefer to make a financial donation to support the WRHM Christmas program, you may do so by visiting the Webster-Rock Hill Ministries website and selecting the "donate" button from the homepage. Please enter "holiday programs" in the note section and notify Matt Krob so your gift can be recorded.

Sunday School Teachers Wanted!

Are you looking for a fun and rewarding experience with the youth of GPC? Well, this is your lucky day!

GPC is looking for Sunday School teachers for January and February.

With this year's Sunday School curriculum, it is easy to find a "workshop" that lines up with your interests. Workshops include art, bible skills and games, cooking, drama, digital media, music, science, and video. And the lesson plans are easy to follow and require a minimal time commitment.

If this sparks your interest or you would like additional information, please get in touch with Matt Krob (matt.krob@slu.edu).

Thank you!

Presbyterian Women

GPC's Presbyterian Women invite you to join them for a fun and relaxing lunch before the holiday season shifts into high gear. You don't have to buy a gift or cook anything! We're getting together for food and fellowship and to show our appreciation for GPC's amazing staff.

Date: Tuesday, December 5

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Sunny Street Cafe

11692 Manchester Rd., Des Peres, MO

RSVP: Jan Nolan / 314-821-5574

Mark Your Calendar

On Sunday, December 17 we will be joining Webster Groves Presbyterian Church for 9:30 a.m. worship. Our choirs will join together for a special Christmas Cantata service.

Here's more info from the WGPC website:

Once again, the WGPC Chancel Choir and Glendale Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir with orchestra collaborate in a stirring Festival of Lessons and Carols. Featured work this year includes David von Kampen's "Christmas Cantata" as well as additional carols of the season. David von Kampen (b. 1986) is a composer and teacher from Lincoln, Nebraska. Composed in 2019, this 5-movement Cantata sets texts from the German hymnodist Paul Gerhardt in addition to passages from Isaiah and John. These settings deliberately avoid particularly "Christmassy" sounds, instead focusing on pairing these sturdy sacred texts with new melodies, interesting harmony, and colorful, supportive string accompaniment.

Coffee Shop Office Hours

Pastor Kathleen's coffee shop hours this week will be at St. Louis Bread Co in Webster Groves, Wednesday 1-3 pm.

Welcome

Welcome to Glendale Presbyterian Church! We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to GPC, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At GPC, we share God's love through our work and play in our church and community.

Children & Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. The "Prayer Ground" is located in the front of the sanctuary where children are welcome to sit as is most comfortable to them and to engage with the materials up there throughout the service. In addition, the nursery is available for use by small children and their grown-ups near the Parking Lot Entry to the church. During the school year, children are invited to attend Sunday School following "Opening the Word with Young Disciples."

Worship Bags

All ages are invited to pick up a GPC worship bag in the Narthex (back of the sanctuary) that has items to be utilized to enhance their worship experience.

New Members

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the GPC family. Please contact Pastor Kathleen at 314-944-3334 or pastorhenrion@gmail.com for further information.

Prayer Request Cards

Blue prayer request cards are available upon entry to the building, as well as in pews. Please use them to note any joys or concerns you wish to have lifted in prayer. Place your prayer request card in the basket at either entrance to the Sanctuary before worship begins. If you need to fill it out during the beginning of worship, feel free to drop your prayer requests in the basket during the first hymn. The cards will be shared with the congregation, in worship, on the video of worship, and in the newsletter unless otherwise requested on the card.

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; or to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange for Home Communion, Please contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepres@gmail.com or you are welcome to contact Kathleen directly via call or text at 314-944-3334. Or by email at pastorhenrion@gmail.com

Serving the Church

Interested in serving the church in some way? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepres@gmail.com and we'd love to connect you.

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Liturgist | Peggy Mayfield
Song Leader | Peggy Mayfield
Usher | Jan Nolan, Kathy Foresman
Greeter | Kathy Foresman
Online Host | Sonia Kesselring
Communion | Katie Niesen Cook
Fellowship | Carol Cook
Counters | Bob Bidstrup, Shawn Anderson
Music Director | Carol Schmidt
Pastor | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Liturgist | Debbie Rose
Song Leader | Debbie Rose
Usher | Jaime Krob, Kathy Foresman
Greeter | Elaine Bidstrup
Online Host | Paige Stroud
Sunday School | Nancy Anderson (Bible skills)
Fellowship | Helen Quick
Counters | Terry Ulmer, Vicki Sorrells
Music Director | Carol Schmidt
Pastor | Rev. Kathleen Henrion



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