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“Join us for a drink of Living Water”

December 6, 2020

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

In Essentials...

UNITY

In Non-essentials...

LIBERTY

In All Things...

CHARITY

Meditation

The coming of the Son of God into the world is so much more than a historical fact. It was a message of hope sent by God to teenagers and single parents and crabby husbands and sullen wives and overweight women and impotent men and disabled neighbors and people with same-sex attraction and preachers and lovers – and you.

And since the Son of God lived, died, rose, reigns, and is coming again, God's message through him is more than a historical fact. It is a Christmas gift to you from the voice of the living God.

Thus says the Lord: the meaning of Christmas is that what is good and precious in your life need never be lost, and what is evil and undesirable in your life can be changed. The fears that the few good things that make you happy are slipping through your fingers, and the frustrations that the bad things you hate about yourself or situation can't be changed – these fears and these frustrations are what Christmas came to destroy.

~John Piper

Westminster Chimes and Announcements

Prelude

'Emmanuel'

~McGee

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Pat & Nancy Hinzman

***Call to Worship** (based on Romans 13:11-12) Jud Herter, Lay Assistant

People: Thanks be to God ~

Leader: You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

People: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers.

Leader: The night is far gone, the day is near.

People: Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Let us worship God!

***Praise and Worship** 'Here I Am to Worship'

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (In unison)

Lord God, you have come in person to earth through Jesus Christ because we are sick, imprisoned, and lost with sin. We don't like to admit our dependence upon you, for we fear losing the illusion of control. Jesus, show us once again who you really are: a King who is willing and able to hear our cries. And as you hear, we pray that you will act. We take this time to lay our hearts before you in prayer. . . (silent prayers of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

***Creed** from the Heidelberg Catechism

What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and drink his shed blood?

It is not only to embrace with a trusting heart the whole passion and death of Christ, and by it to receive the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. In addition, it is to be so united more and more to his blessed body by the Holy Spirit dwelling both in Christ and in us that, although he is in heaven and we are on earth, we are nevertheless flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone, always living and being governed by one Spirit, as the members of our bodies are governed by one soul.

Anthem 'God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen' ~Cup Church Bell Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:6b-11, 2:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord ~

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Communion Meditation 'The Skeletons and Christmas' Rev. Scott Graham
Series: Jesus' Family Tree of Faith – and Ours

Communion

Pastoral Prayer and 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

***Dismissing Hymn No. 128** 'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear'

***Benediction**

Postlude 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'
~Mendelssohn

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