

Christ Church

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*Reformed Teaching* † *Re-forming People*

**Prelude**

**Moments of Concern**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle:** Brady Dennis Family

**Call to Worship:** Hebrews 13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 51 (page 36)

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 184 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

**\*Call to Confession:** Lamentations 3:40 Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the LORD.

**\*Prayer of Confession:** Father, have mercy for our hearts are rebellious. We take lightly our sins. We are not grieved when we violate Your holy law. We fail to love You with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. For the sake of Christ our Savior, remove the hardness of our hearts. Teach us to forgive each other. Teach us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling we have received as royal priests. Break sinful habits within us. Lead us into the light and joy of Your presence daily. We pray through Jesus Christ our sympathetic High Priest. Amen.

**\*Agnus Dei**

**Women & Children:** O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

**Men:** O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

**All:** O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** Micah 7:18-19 Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant

of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Gloria Patri:** No. 142

**\*Collect of the Day:** Lord Jesus, by Your coming near to us we have been made priests to serve You and a temple to reflect Your glory. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us so that we might offer sacrifices that please You, and please expand Your temple so that Your glory may increase here on this earth. Cause us to be faithful in suffering, and cause Your Word to produce all the fruit in our lives You desire. We pray in Your Name. Amen.

**Special Music: Children's Choir** – "O Come All Ye Faithful"

**First Epistle Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 3:5-17 (page 1014)

**Second Epistle Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 6:11-18 (page 1028)

**Third Epistle Lesson:** Ephesians 2:19-22 (page 1039)

**Psalter Selection:** Psalm 84:1-7

Your dwelling places, LORD of hosts,  
How beautiful they are to me.  
The LORD's courts are my soul's desire,  
I'm yearning for them eagerly.  
I to the living God cry out,  
With joy my heart and body shout!

My God, My King, within Your house  
The sparrow has a dwelling there.  
LORD of hosts, Your altars are  
Where swallows choose their young to bear.  
Blessed all who in Your house do live,  
To You their praise they ever give.

Those finding strength in You are blessed,  
With pilgrims' hearts they onward reach,  
The valley's tears they turn to springs,  
While rain with blessings covers each.

They, gaining strength, toward Zion run,  
Before God then appears each one.

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## **Children's Sermon**

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel" (insert)

**Sermon:** God Dwelling Among Us – Part 3

## **Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer (unison):** Our Father, which 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.

## **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

### **Offertory**

**\*Offertory Response:** 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.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn of Response:** 178 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Threefold Amen**

### **\*Postlude**

*We welcome all who are visiting with us today. Please fill out the visitor card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate or sign our guest book in the foyer. Thank you.*