

Christ Church

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Reformed Teaching † *Re-forming People*

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Call to Worship: Psalm 128:1 Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 50 (pages 35-36)

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

Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, forgive us for worrying and fretting and for trusting in our own strength or hard work or anything else that we might put in the place of You, our Provider and Protector. We confess that we have failed to show proper gratitude for Your wise provision for us and have not used it to serve others. Have mercy on us for we are prone to crave the gifts You give instead of delighting in You. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Kyrie: (recited, not sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 66:2b "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word."

C: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri: (recited, not sung)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day: Lord Jesus, so fill our hearts that Your likeness in us would be more and more evident as we grow to be servants like You. Be glorified in us we pray in Your Name. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 42:1-2 (page 641)

***Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 12:15-21 (page 860)

***Epistle Lesson:** 1 Peter 3:8-9 (page 1077)

Children's Sermon

Sermon

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.

Benediction

Postlude