

Christ Church

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Special Presentation

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Pat Weyandt and Lindsey Warmath

Call to Worship: *Psalm 130:7-8* – O Israel, hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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

Q. What does the fifth request mean?

A. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors means,
Because of Christ's blood, do not hold against us, poor sinners
that we are, any of the sins we do or the evil that constantly
clings to us. Forgive us just as we are fully determined, as
evidence of Your grace in us, to forgive our neighbors.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 193 "*O Come, All Ye Faithful*"

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 our sins lightly. We are not grieved when we violate Your holy law. We fail to love You with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength and to follow our Savior's ways. 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 Your servants. Break sinful habits within us. Cleanse us and lead us into the light and joy of Your presence daily. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Have Mercy:

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.
Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.
Oh, help my unbelief. Oh, help my unbelief.
Oh Lord, have mercy. Oh Lord, have mercy.

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: 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 (unison): Father, we praise You for You have sent our Savior, Jesus, to save us from our sins. Teach us to love You more and please awaken our hearts to grasp Your beauty. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 7:14* – Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

***Epistle Lesson:** *Galatians 4:4-5*

⁴ But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

***Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 1:18-25*

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

²⁰ But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

²¹ And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

²² So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”
²⁴ Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,
²⁵ and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Missions Moment

Children’s Sermon

***Hymn of Preparation:** *Psalms 24:1-10* (back of bulletin)

Sermon: *Matthew 1:18-25 (part 1)*

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 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:** 197 “*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*”

***Benediction**

***Threefold Amen**

***Postlude**