

December 17, 2017

Preparation for Worship – Please use this time for silent preparation of heart and mind for worship of the Almighty God.

Prelude – “It Came Upon/Away in a Manger” Arr. Virginia C. Thomas
Announcements
Choral Introit – “We Light the Advent Candles”

*Call to Worship – Isaiah 7:14

Unison: “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

*Invocation

*Lord's Prayer

*Hymn - “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” #203

Word of Greeting – Please pass the Friendship Registers found on the right end of each row.

Responsive Reading – Luke 1:57-80 p.856 in Pew Bible
Morning Prayer

*Hymn – “Angels We Have Heard on High” #214

*Confession of Faith – Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XX,
Of Christian Liberty, and Liberty of Conscience, Paragraph I
p.859 in Trinity Hymnal

I. The liberty which Christ has purchased for believers under the Gospel consists in their freedom from the guilt of sin, and condemning wrath of God, the curse of the moral law; and, in their being delivered from this present evil world, bondage to Satan, and dominion of sin; from the evil of afflictions, the sting of death, the victory of the grave, and everlasting damnation; as also, in their free access to God, and their yielding obedience unto Him, not out of slavish fear, but a child-like love and willing mind. All which were common also to believers under the law. But, under the New Testament, the liberty of Christians is further enlarged, in their freedom from the yoke of the ceremonial law, to which the Jewish Church was subjected; and in greater boldness of access to the throne of grace, and in fuller communications of the free Spirit of God, than believers under the law did ordinarily partake of.

*Doxology #731
Offertory

Offertory Anthem – “In the Bleak Midwinter” Rossetti/Holst
Junior Choir
(Children 4 up until age 6 may be dismissed to Children’s Church)

Scripture Reading – Revelation 19:1-10 p.1039 in Pew Bible
Sermon The Reverend Mr. David G. McKay

“THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB”

Prayer of Response from “The Valley of Vision”

THREE IN ONE, ONE IN THREE, GOD OF MY SALVATION,
Heavenly Father, blessed Son, eternal Spirit,
I adore thee as one Being, one Essence, one God in three distinct
Persons, for bringing sinners to thy knowledge and to thy kingdom.
O Father, thou hast loved me and sent Jesus to redeem me;
O Jesus, thou hast loved me and assumed my nature,
shed thine own blood to wash away my sins,
wrought righteousness to cover my unworthiness;
O Holy Spirit, thou hast loved me and entered my heart,
implanted there eternal life, revealed to me the glories of Jesus.
Three Persons and one God, I bless and praise thee,
for love so unmerited, so unspeakable, so wondrous,
so mighty to save the lost and raise them to glory. Amen.

*Hymn – “What Child Is This” #213

*Benediction

*Postlude – “God Rest Ye” English Melody

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