

December 23, 2018

Preparation for Worship

Isaiah 9:7

“Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

Prelude – “Echo Noel”

Claude Louis D’ Aquin

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Cameron, Rebekah, Abigail, Josiah & Eden Houser

Choral Introit

\*Call to Worship – Isaiah 40:1-5

Pastor: “Comfort, Comfort my people, says your God.

Congregation: Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her  
warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received  
from the LORD’S hand double for all her sins.

Pastor: A voice cries: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Congregation: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and  
hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the  
rough places a plain.

Unison: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall  
see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken’.”

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn - “Angels We Have Heard on High”

#214

Responsive Reading – Hebrews 1:1-14

p.1001 in Pew Bible

Morning Prayer

\*Hymn - “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

#221

\*Confession of Faith – The Nicene Creed

p.846 in Trinity Hymnal

\*Doxology

#731

Offering

Offertory Anthem – “Silent Night”

Mohr/Gruber/John Carter

Rebekah Houser – Flute; Alex Pinegar, Piano

(Children 4 up until age 6 may be dismissed to Children’s Church)

Scripture Reading – Genesis 49:8-12

p.42 in Pew Bible

Sermon

The Reverend Mr. John F. Peoples, Jr.

“GOD’S COVENANT: THE PROMISE OF AUTHORITY”

\*Hymn – “As with Gladness Men of Old”

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude – “Joy to the World”

Handel/Virgil Fox

The Rev. Mr. John F. Peoples, Jr., Associate Pastor

Mrs. Julie Covert, Organist and Choir Director

### TODAY

Sunday School –classes for all ages

9:15AM

Morning Worship

10:30AM

### THIS WEEK

Monday - Christmas Eve Service, 6:30PM

### UPCOMING

January 8 – Christmas Choir Party, 7PM

February 10 - Missions on Campus & Pitch-in Lunch, more details to come

February 24 – Day of Prayer

GREETERS – John & Kathleen Harris, Jacob Wantz

### NURSERY SCHEDULE – (Infant Nursery – First 2)

Today – Charity Clarke, Heather Wilson, Ryan Clarke, Emily Waye

December 30 – Beth Nicol, Kelly Ramsey, David Nicol, Victoria Pham

January 6 – Pam Murdock, Laura Waye, Brett Bousema, Phoebe Schuetz

January 13 – Laura DeMasie, Carol Cuttino, Matt & Libby Doublestein

January 20 – Anita McCready, Bernice Liang, Bryan & Lisa Clark

### STATISTICS:

December 16, 2018

Attendance – 126

Undesignated Giving - \$

Missions Giving – \$

Monthly Need - \$32,283

December giving through Dec.9 -\$16,415.00

### FUTURE SERMON TEXTS AND TITLES:

December 24 – Matt. 1:21-25, “God’s Covenant: The Promise has Come!”

December 30 – Romans 11:1-24, “God’s Covenant: The Promise Extends to the World”

January 6 – Psalm 1, “Wise Counsel For the New Year”

January 13 – Psalm 2, “God’s Warning to the Nation”

January 20 – Judges 12, “A Life Set Apart”