

Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church

Order Of Worship | Advent I

November 29, 2020

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Advent I Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-18

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." For thus says the Lord: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever.

Luke 21:25-28

And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Call To Worship: Psalm 24:7-10

L: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

ALL: Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

L: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

ALL: Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel | 194

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, O come thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Day-Spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Pastoral Prayer Followed by The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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, for ever. Amen.

Testimony from a CVPC Family

Song of Preparation: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming | 221

1. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to men a Savior, when half spent was the night.
3. The shepherds heard the story proclaimed by angels bright, how Christ, the Lord of glory, was born on earth this night. To Bethlehem they sped and in the manger found him, as angel heralds said.
4. This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True Man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us, and lightens ev'ry load.
5. O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe; O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know; bring us at length we pray, to the bright courts of Heaven, and to the endless day!

Sermon: "The Savior That Brings Hope to the World"

Word: Isaiah 11:1-16

1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. **2** And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. **3** And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, **4** but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. **5** Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. . .

Questions for Reflection

1. Read Isaiah 7:10-17; 9:6-7; and 11:1-16. What is the connection between these passages? Who are they talking about and what set of attributes define this person from these verses (be sure to list all the attributes)?
2. Isaiah 11 begins with a prophecy. Read Matt. 25:1-13, 1 Thess. 4:13-18, and Isaiah 11:1-9. What does each one of these passages tell us about the purpose of prophecy?
3. What did the prophecy in Isaiah 11:1 mean to the people in Isaiah's time and what does it mean to us today?
4. Why did Isaiah say that a stump would come from Jesse and not David?
5. How will the branch from the root of Jesse bear fruit?
6. Are there ways in which we as believers can make the gospel more central to the Christmas season?
7. List several things that cause you to have hope for the future.

Song of Approach: Spirit of the Living God | 726

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. *Repeat*

Communion

Sending Hymn: Joy to the World! The Lord is Come | 195

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as, the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders, of his love.

Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever... *so that all the peoples will say...*

ALL: Amen. Our LORD is faithful. Praise the LORD!

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