

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 1, 2013

1st Sunday in Advent

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Luis González

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 24**

L: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein;

P: For he has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers.

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

P: Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who do not lift up their soul to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

L: They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

P: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

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

P: Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

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

P: Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

UNISON OPENING PRAYER ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship

Eternal Father, draw near to us as we gather for worship in this holy season.

Lord Jesus Christ, you who are "the reason for the season," deepen our discipleship.

Holy Spirit, increase our faith, and open our hearts and minds to your guidance. All

praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* Bulletin Insert**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ~ The Candle of Hope

**SUNG RESPONSE: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel,*
verse 2, #245 in hymnal**

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer

Our spirits by Thine advent here;

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From *When We Gather* by Rev. James G. Kirk

Holy God, we confess that we are guilty of pushing you to life's periphery. We serve you only when it seems convenient. We follow Jesus only when it is to our benefit. We call on the Holy Spirit only when our own efforts fail. Holy Spirit, rekindle the embers of our faith, cleanse us of all sin, and made us obedient servants. Remake us in the image of your righteousness, and teach us the true meaning of discipleship.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

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ANTHEM *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *(Preschool through 2nd grade children may be led to Junior Church following the children's message. Older children's bulletins are in the vestibule.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 2: 1-5 ~ Page 587 in the pew Bible

The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 24: 36-44 ~ Pages 859-860 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said of the Second Coming,] "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what

part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Romans 13: 11-14 ~ Page 987-988 in the pew Bible

Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “The Second Coming” Rev. Frank Wyche

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed* Inside front cover of Hymnal

*HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #244

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (...debtors/debtors...)

*CLOSING HYMN *The King Is Coming* Bulletin Insert

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL CLOSE *May Your Kingdom Come* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Luis González

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

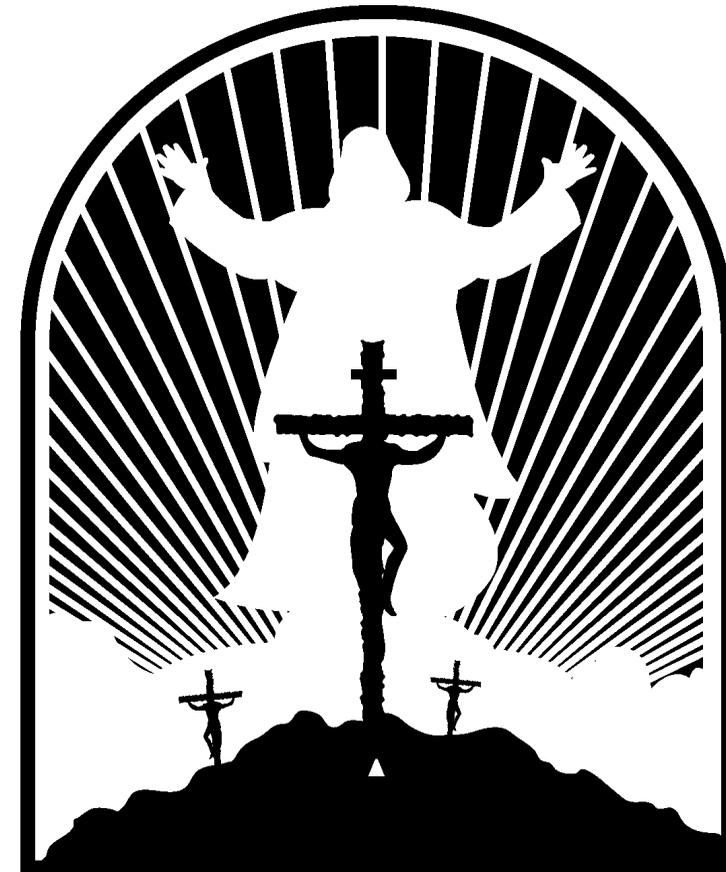
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Christ
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