

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT COMMUNION WORSHIP SERVICE

*\*\*\*Today we are celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Communion is a sacrament which Christ has given to his Church for the blessing of his Church, and thus all who are baptized, communicant members in good standing in any evangelical church are welcome to participate. Evangelical means that the church believes and teaches that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, and not by works or sacraments. If you are not trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation or have not yet joined yourself to his Church, we ask you to pass the elements, with the hope that one day soon you will be able to share in this celebration with us.\*\*\**

WELCOME

FAITH LIFE AND OPPORTUNITIES

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 5:12<sup>b</sup>,13<sup>b</sup>

\* HYMNS OF PRAISE

(screen)

"Joy Has Dawned"

"Prepare Him Room"

\* PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Acts 17:30-31

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS *(privately, then in unison below)*

**Almighty God, we confess these our sins and pray for your forgiveness, through the death and resurrection of your only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, on our behalf. May His Spirit bring forth life in us, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

GOD'S PROMISE OF GRACE

John 5:24

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

CALL TO GENEROSITY

2 Corinthians 8:9

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHOIR ANTHEM

*(Children ages 4 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed for Christmas Play Practice)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(p. 580)*

Psalm 22:1-31

NEW TESTAMENT READING *(p. 1084)*

Mark 15:16-39

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Pastor Lee Capper

"THE CAROL OF THE SUFFERING KING"

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

\* COMMUNION HYMN

# 193

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(p. 845)

The Apostles' Creed

THE COMMUNION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

# 221

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

\* DISMISSAL AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*(\* for those who are able, please stand)*

## EVENING SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

# 195

"Joy to the World!"

PRAYER

CHOIR ANTHEM

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"On This Christmas Night"

OFFERING

PCA Ministerial Relief

OFFERTORY

Lydia Nelson

SPECIAL MUSIC

Seth & Katie Wilson

"Be Born in Me"

KID'S CLUB MUSICAL

Mrs. Dina Wilson, Director

"CHRISTMAS IS JESUS"

SCRIPTURE READING *(p. 1026)*

Matthew 1:18-21

MEDITATION

Pastor Lee Capper

CLOSING HYMN

# 210

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

CLOSING PRAYER

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 16, 2018

## "THE CAROL OF THE SUFFERING KING"

*The earliest songs of the coming of the Christ are found in the Psalms of the OT. Songs both reveal the truth we believe and also shape our lives by it. Psalm 22 points to the suffering of the coming King through which he will achieve the victory of our salvation.*

## I. God's Appointed King Embraces Human Suffering (1-21)

## II. God's Suffering King Achieves Human Victory (22-31)

## Today

**WELCOME:** to all who are visiting with us today. Please sign a guest register at either entrance and take time to let us greet you and get to know you.

**ANGEL TREE PREPARATION:** help is needed after morning worship to stuff 10 stockings and to set up the tables in the fellowship hall.

**ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS DINNER/PROGRAM:** 5:00 p.m. Each family is asked to bring a main dish plus a couple of side dishes (chips, beverage, salad, dessert, etc) to share. Bring extra to accommodate our 16 Angel Tree guests.

**CHRISTMAS OUTREACH BOOKLETS:** including *Christmas Uncut* and *Real Christmas* are available at the library information table and foyer literature table, to share with unchurched friends. Invite them to one of our Christmas services or activities!

## Monday

**RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL:** 5:30 p.m. at Cash Valley Elementary

**ESL CLASSES:** 7:00 p.m., here.

## Wednesday

**MEN'S MORNING STUDY:** 6:30 a.m. at Ted Toner's.

**WIC MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** 10:00 a.m., here.

**OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** The Cosgroves invite you to spread the hope of Christ through song as we carol the neighborhood, singing traditional Christmas hymns. Park at the church and meet at their house at 13 N. LaVale Street at 6:00 p.m. Soup and Christmas cookies will follow after caroling at 7:00 p.m. Bring a pot of soup or plate of cookies to share.

## Next Sunday

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Led by Craig Felton at 8:45 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:40 a.m., with classes for all ages, including nursery.

**MORNING WORSHIP:** 10:45 a.m. Psalm 72 - "The Carol of the Righteous King".

**NO EVENING WORSHIP**

**PRISON WORSHIP SERVICE:** 8:30 p.m. at WCI

## Monday, December 24

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** Monday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. Join us for a service of lessons and carols, following our Advent theme, "The Earliest Carols of the Coming King," to begin your Christmas celebration by focusing on Christ.

*FOOD FOR THOUGHT: How has this sermon impacted you? What will you do or think differently? What verse stood out as most important?*