

## Lord's Day—December 24, 2023

### Approach to the Lord

Silent Prayer (with about five minutes of silence)

Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-5

\*Hymn 101 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

\*Invocation

\*Gloria Patri (Hymn 735)

\*Prayer of Confession (opposite page)

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 53:2-5

### Proclamation of the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

\*Hymn 311 *Hail To the Lord's Anointed*

Old Covenant Reading: 1 Kings 1:32-40

New Covenant Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: "Good News of Great Joy"

### Response to the Word of God

\*Hymn 248 *Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended*

\*Westminster Larger Catechism Question 39: (opposite page)

Prayer of Intercession

Collection

### The Supper of Our Lord

Words of Institution and Exhortation

Partaking of the Elements with Prayer

\*Hymn 217 *All My Heart This Night Rejoices*

\*Benediction

\*Standing if you are able.

## Announcements

**All visitors**, who are believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, who have been baptized in a true church, and who have made a public profession of their faith are invited to join us for **the Lord's Supper**. A true church bears the following marks: faithful preaching of the Word of God; the faithful exercise of church discipline; and the proper administration of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. Please wait until all have been served and we will take the elements of the Lord's Supper together as fellow members of the body of Christ. We have both grape juice and wine. The bread is gluten free.

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To prepare the **2024 Budget** the Session requests that you give us an anonymous estimate of your total giving in 2024. **The Estimated Giving** slips are available today. Please put it in the collection plate today.

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**Our Prayer Meeting & Hymn Sing** is cancelled today.

## Confession of Sin

Holy Lord, we are guilty—of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Your mind in Your Word, of neglect to see You in our daily lives. Our violations and shortcomings present our consciences with a long list of accusations, but they shall not stand! For we lay them all now on Christ, our sacrifice and advocate. Go on now, Lord, to subdue our weaknesses, granting us grace to live above them. Let us not be mastered by them, but now rule over us in liberty and power. We praise and thank You for Your wisdom and love, for sometimes putting us into the furnace to refine our gold and remove our dross. Deliver us from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in us, everything that prevents us from taking our deepest delight in You, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**WLC Q.39:** Why was it needed that the Mediator should be man?

It was needed that the Mediator should be man, that he might help our nature, perform obedience to the law, suffer and make intercession for us in our nature, have a fellow-feeling of our infirmities; that we might receive the adoption of sons, and have comfort and access with boldness unto the throne of grace.

## To Our Visitors

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The Jaffrey Presbyterian Church is a part of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. **Our purpose is to glorify God through worship and service.** We believe that this is to be done by the power of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Redeemer of sinners. We believe that the Triune God reveals Himself in the Bible, which is His infallible Word. A summary of what Scripture teaches may be found in our doctrinal standards *The Westminster Confession of Faith*, and *The Larger and Shorter Catechisms*, available upon request.

**We are a worshipping church.** Coming together to worship our Lord on the Lord's Day is the center of the church's life.

**We are a learning church.** It is important to be well taught in Biblical truth and its application to every area of life. The truth matters. We are to be constantly transformed by it. The church is called to be always reforming according to God's Word.

**We are an evangelistic church.** We take the Great Commission of our Lord seriously. We support the spread of the gospel at home and throughout the world. We proclaim the only message that saves people from sin and death.

**We are a family oriented church.** We believe in the nurture of each member and family as part of the larger family of Jesus Christ. The community of believers is a vital part of our lives.

## Jaffrey Presbyterian Church

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*An Orthodox Presbyterian Church*



*Preaching the Christ of Scripture*

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Worship: 10:30 AM

Prayer & Hymn Sing 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays: 4 PM

Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 PM at Pastor's house.

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Migotsky, M. Div.

Elders: David Killmer, Dana Bradford