

~ ORDER OF WORSHIP ~
Sunday, December 6, 2020, 9:30 AM
Second Sunday of Advent

*“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” – Acts 2:42*

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

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

People: Who is this King of glory?

Leader: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

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

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#164

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

- 3 Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood availed for me.
- 5 He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.
- 6 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

Presentation of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

We will not be passing an offering plate. Please present your tithes and offerings to the Lord by placing them in the plates in the back or by mailing them to:

Valley Presbyterian Church,
10807 Falls Road, P.O. Box 285,
Brooklandville, MD 21022

Or by giving online at <https://valleypca.org/giving/>

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God of the prophets, you have called us to glorify your name through our love for you and for one another. We confess that our praise is more on our lips than with our lives. We profess repentance while we resist change; we sing of love, but we curse our enemies; we pray your will be done but insist on our own way. Have mercy upon us, Father, and cleanse and forgive our selfish ways. We ask this in the name of the one who is and was and is yet to come, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. [Silent Confession] Amen!

Declaration of Pardon

Scripture Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

Sermon

Jesus the Refiner

Pastor Mark Tippin

Prayer Requests for this Week

Spend time praying for the needs in our congregation and world:

- Gerald and Eileen, health issues. Praise for a good first cataract surgery for Eileen. Pray for peace and comfort for her second surgery on Dec. 8.
- Harry, diagnosed with small cell cancer. Pray for comfort as he begins treatment.
- Madeline, pray for her to regain strength and remain healthy after an infection.
- Sharon, physical therapy and ongoing health issues.
- Edie, pray that she would fully regain her mobility after knee replacement surgery.
- Youth Group, for spiritual growth and for Nathan as he leads.
- Vision Team, for wisdom.
- Those in our community who are lost and need to know the risen Savior.
- Pray for healing of the racial tensions and anger in our society.
- The spiritual and financial needs of our sister congregations.

- People who are suffering or have relatives or friends suffering.
- Medical providers and first responders who are dealing with long hours, difficult situations, and risk to themselves.
- People who are now unable to work or are suffering from fear and anxiety during these times. Pray that God would provide.
- That God would provide for His church.

Families of the Week:

Mrs. Elizabeth C.

Mr. Bert C.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who is 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.
 For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever,
 Amen!

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#196

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
 Born to set thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us;
 Let us find our rest in thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation,
 Hope of all the earth thou art,
 Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
 Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

- 2 Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."
- 3 Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.
- 4 Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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Please join us this Sunday evening at 7:00 PM as we continue our Bible study series on the book of Philippians over Zoom. You can join through your computer or smart phone, or you can dial in with a regular phone.