

New St. Peter's Presbyterian Church
Celebration of Worship
December 2, 2018

Striking of the Hour *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

Call to Worship (Psalm 9)

The LORD sits enthroned forever! He has established His throne for justice, and He judges the world with righteousness.

Liturgy of the Word (Psalm 9 and Isaiah 52)

He judges the peoples with uprightness. Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion! Tell among the peoples His deeds! **Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people.** He has redeemed His chosen ones. **The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.**

Invocation

Hymn: *“Joy to the World”*

Hymn: *“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”*

Confession of Sin and Plea for Pardon (Luke 11)

Father, by Your hand Jesus came to cast out demons and to establish His kingdom. **He has truly disarmed and defeated the strong man, the devil. And yet we often act as though the loser is the winner. We give in to fear of the world, trusting more in the power of sin than we do the power of the gospel to protect our children. We give in to fear of having our own sin exposed, believing that covering our shame is safer than seeking healing in the light. By Your ever present love, draw us once again to the side of the Victor. Let us not scatter from His truth and protection, but live by faith in His power and know the peace of His grace.**

Worshippers may continue to confess their sins in silence.

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 53)

Beloved of God, here is the good news of the Lord's forgiveness, comfort and joy. **“Out of the anguish of His soul our Savior shall see and be satisfied. By His knowledge shall the Righteous One make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.” Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from Isaiah: The prophet describes the hope of God's coming kingdom that will rest on the strong shoulders of the Son of David. (Isaiah 9:2-7)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Doxology *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

Sermon: *“The Kingdom of God Has Come”* (Luke 11:14-23)

The Definition of Chalcedon (AD 451)

Following the holy fathers, we together confess the one and only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at once complete in deity and complete in humanity, truly God and truly man with a rational soul and a body. He is of one substance with the Father in His deity, and at the same time of one substance with us in His humanity. He is like us in all respects, apart from sin. As regards His deity, begotten of the Father before the ages, but yet as regards His humanity begotten, for us men and for our salvation, of Mary the Virgin, the God-bearer. We also confess this one and the same Christ – Son, Lord, Only-begotten – in two natures without confusion, change, division or separation between them. They are together one and the same Son and only begotten Logos of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. This the prophets of old testified, our Lord Jesus Christ Himself taught us, and the creed of the fathers has handed down to us.

Words of Institution and Fencing the Table (Various)

The mystery of the incarnation is clear in its purpose. Our sin created an insurmountable obstacle, so our Mediator could not be common.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, through His immeasurable love, became what we are, that He might bring us to be even what He is Himself, to make us not merely sons of men, but sons of God.

He has received what is ours to transfer to us what is His, making that which is by nature to become ours by grace.

He welcomes us to His table where our fellowship with Him is pictured and sealed. Let us not eat and drink like the undisciplined, but rather like those adopted fully, maturing in His likeness, and displaying our true inheritance in the Word made flesh for us.

Come to the Table...

Communion Hymn: *“Let All Moral Flesh Keep Silence”*

Communion Hymn: *“What Glory Now Our Eyes Have Seen”*

Communion Hymn: *“Psalm 126”*

Communion Hymn: *“In Christ Alone”*

Parting Liturgy (Luke 1)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people.
He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David to show the mercy promised in His holy covenant.

Benediction (Luke 1)

May the tender mercy of our God visit you from on high, giving light to you who sit in darkness and guiding your feet into the way of peace.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.