



# CHRIST *the* REDEEMER

Advent

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The Prophet Isaiah  
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There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse,  
and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. Isaiah 11:1

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Call to Worship

Psalm 85

Leader—Lord, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin. Selah  
You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

**Congregation—Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!**

**Will you be angry with us forever?**

**Will you prolong your anger to all generations?**

**Will you not revive us again,**

**that your people may rejoice in you?**

**Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.**

Leader—Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

**Congregation—Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

**Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

**Yes, the Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.**

**Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.**

## Opening Prayer

### Song of Praise, It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river  
Attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot  
Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, It is well with my soul

#### Chorus—

It is well with my soul  
It is well, It is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet  
Tho' trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ hath regarded  
My helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood  
For my soul

My sin O the bliss  
Of this glorious tho't  
My sin not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross  
And I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord O my soul

And Lord haste the day  
When the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound  
And the Lord shall descend  
Even so it is well  
With my soul

### Personal Confession of Sin (in silence)

#### Corporate Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. We have tried to heal ourselves. Instead of trusting in the death of Jesus Christ, we have tried to work off our guilt. We have tried so hard to pile up good deeds that outweigh our sins. When this doesn't work, we quickly turn to denial and distraction. Instead of trusting in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have tried to change through our own efforts. We have tried to change our hearts through sheer willpower. This has left us arrogant. This has left us anxious and depressed. Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves. Forgive us for neglecting your grace. Forgive us and heal us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Assurance of the Gospel

Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

## Song of the Gospel, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for, with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood.  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia,  
*alleluia, Lord Most High!*"

## —Lighting of the Candle of Peace—

Leader— Friends, today we light the Candle of Peace and are reminded of the shalom that our King ushers into the world. We are reminded that peace is not merely absence of war, but that it is a restoration of wholeness. We celebrate the victory that Christ, the Righteous Branch from the Stump of Jesse, has won in conquering sin and death and Satan. We celebrate the Lion, who is the Slain Lamb.

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### Children ages 4 to 6 are dismissed to Children's Church

*We love for the corporate worship gathering to be a family-friendly time, however, please feel free to either use overflow space in the office suite or check your children into the nursery/children's church if they are finding it difficult to sit through the service. Children's interactive bulletins are also available in the foyer.*

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## Scripture Lessons

Old Testament, Isaiah 40:1-11

(Page 599 in the Pew Bible)

Leader—This is the word of the Lord

**Congregation—Thanks be to God**

Gospel, Mark 1:1-8

(Page 836 in the Pew Bible)

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## Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come! Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

### Sermon, "Preparing for Our King: Repentance"

Pastor Matt Wireman

2 Peter 3:8-18 (Page 1019 in the Pew Bible)

## Song of Response, O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n

Occupy my lowly heart

Own it all and reign supreme

Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r

Let no vice or sin remain

That resists Your holy war

You have loved and purchased me

Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin

Had no ears to hear Your voice

Did not know Your love within

Had no taste for heaven's joys

Then Your Spirit gave me life

Opened up Your word to me

Through the gospel of Your Son

Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life

That's dependent on Your grace

Keep my heart and guard my soul

From the evils that I face

You are worthy to be praised

With my ev'ry thought and deed

O great God of highest heav'n

Glorify Your Name through me

## The Lord's Supper

*Please come forward, when you like, to share from the common bread, which signifies our oneness in Christ. It is also gluten free to enable as many to partake as feasible. Then take from the individual servings of wine or juice, which signifies our individual discipleship with Jesus. You may leave your cup at the table or take it back to your seat and drink it there.*

## **Song of Communion, I Will Wait For You**

Out of the depths I cry to You  
In darkest places I will call  
Incline Your ear to me anew  
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways  
How could I come before Your throne  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze  
I stand redeemed by grace alone

### **Chorus**

I will wait for You I will wait for You  
On Your word I will rely  
I will wait for You surely wait for You  
Till my soul is satisfied

So put Your hope in God alone  
Take courage in His power to save  
Completely and forever won  
By Christ emerging from the grave

His steadfast love has made a way  
And God Himself has paid the price  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in His sacrifice

### **Chorus**

I will wait for You I will wait for You  
Through the storm and through the night  
I will wait for You surely wait for You  
For Your love is my delight

## **Benediction**

### **Commissioning**

*Pastor— Let us go into the world as children of God and servants of Christ to love and serve others.*

***Congregation—Thanks be to God!***

### **The Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye, heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

### **Notes:**

## Prayers

### **Greenville**

We pray this week for **The Greenville Baptist Association**. We thank you for having a group of like minded believers that we can fellowship and serve with. I pray that you would help us as we try to reach out to our area as a group of churches to be effective servants of you.

### **United States**

Father, we pray for the **Switch Ministries**. We pray that you will help them as they care for those in need. Please strengthen their employees as daily they are faced with tough situations and give them wisdom as to which way they should go.

### **World**

We pray this week for the **Vachan Church in Lucknow, India** and for the **Singhs**. We thank you for their desire to raise up a generation of leaders and servants for you in their area. We pray that you would bless their efforts and bring in many students to their **Pastors College**.

## Announcements

**English Club** | Tuesday Nights, 6-8p

**Fellowship Meal** | Today, after the service

**Lessons and Carols Service** | Dec 24th, 4-5pm

**Joint Worship Service w/Tabernacle Baptist** | Dec 31st

**Fourth Sunday Service & Youth Nite** | Jan 28, 5-6:30p

**Freedom That Lasts** | Starting in the New Year. For more info, contact Ben Marshall ([bmarshall@freedomthatlasts.com](mailto:bmarshall@freedomthatlasts.com))

**Note:** *Children are a blessing from the Lord but may have trouble sitting through an entire service. Parents who would like to tend to their children may utilize the Augustine Library in the lower level.*



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**We are united by our Core Values**

Community | Discipleship | Liturgy | Mercy + Mission | Simplicity

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