

1st Sunday of Advent 2017

December 3, 2017

Welcome & Announcements

Votum & Salutation

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

Call To Worship: John 1:1-14

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer of Adoration

Opening Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here,

Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause in her ways to go

(Refrain)

O come desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease
And fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

(Refrain)**Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**that is, the true Christian church of all times and all places*

Reading of the Law: The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Exodus 20:1-17

Prayer of Confession: The Cry Of A Convicted Sinner -
a prayer from the Valley of Vision Prayer Book

THOU RIGHTEOUS AND HOLY SOVEREIGN,

In whose hand is my life and whose are all
my ways,

Keep me from fluttering about religion;

fix me firm in it, for I am irresolute;

my decisions are smoke and vapor, and I do not glorify thee,
or behave according to thy will;

Cut me not off before my thoughts grow to responses,

and the budding of my soul into full flower,

for thou art forbearing and good, patient and kind.

Save me from myself,

from the artifices and deceits of sin,

from the treachery of my perverse nature,

from denying thy charge against my offences,

from a life of continual rebellion against thee,

from wrong principles, views, and ends;

for I know that all my thoughts, affections,

desires and pursuits are alienated from thee.

I have acted as if I hated thee, although thou art love itself;

have contrived to tempt thee to the uttermost, to wear out thy patience;

have lived evilly in word and action.

Had I been a prince I would long ago have crushed such a rebel;

Had I been a father I would long since have rejected my child.

O, thou Father of my spirit, thou King of my life,

cast me not into destruction, drive me not from thy presence,

but wound my heart that it may be healed; break it that thine own hand
may make it whole.

Hymn of Praise

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all my sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

You, O Lord, Are A Shield About Me

Psalm 3:3

You, O Lord, are a shield about me.
You're my glory; you're the lifter of my head.
You, O Lord, are a shield about me.
You're my glory; you're the lifter of my head.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
you're the lifter of my head.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
you're the lifter of my head.

Worship God By Giving

Tithes & Offering

*Children 4 and younger are dismissed to nursery

Reading of Scripture: Galatians 6:11-18

(Pew Bible page 975)

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon: “A Conclusion: Contrasting the False Gospel with the Genuine Article”

Closing Hymn: The Doxology (unaccompanied)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Benediction

SCRIPTURE
Galatians 6:11-18

OUTLINE

- I. **The False Gospel Focuses on the Outward & Not the Inward (v.12&13)**
As Such it is....
 - A. **Superficial (v.12a)**
 - B. **Fearful (v.12b)**
 - C. **Hypocritical (v.13a)**
 - D. **Secular (v.13b)**
- II. **The False Gospel Boasts in the Human & Not the Divine (v.14-16)**
- III. **Paul's Concluding Remarks to the Galatian Church (v.17&18)**