

The Gathering

Silent Meditation

Prelude *Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost* Bach

Words of Welcome Hugo Sandoval

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introit

* Call to Worship *(Psalm 122 RSV)*

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

People: Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Leader: Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together.

People: To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

Leader: There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.

People: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

“May they prosper who love you!

**Peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers!”**

Leader: For my brethren and companions’ sake I will say, “Peace be within you!”

* Hymn 2

Come, Thou Long, Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

* Prayer of Confession Nick Reed

God who is with us, and God who is on the way, we confess that we do not wait or watch for you. Works of darkness hold us back and distract us. Unimportant jealousies, disputes with neighbors, and ambitions rooted in selfish desires—they command our attention. We have ceased to hope for peace and harmony among the nations and we continue to build up walls to separate us from one another. We hear your promises, Lord, but dare not trust them. God of power and love, awaken us to hope and fit us for your coming that we may watch for you with confidence and joy. Amen

* Silent Confession

* Declaration of Pardon

* Gloria Patri Hymn 579

* The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Word of God

First Lesson Isaiah 2: 1-5

Second Lesson Romans 13: 11-14

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Come Join the Angel's Singing* HOPSON

Children's Message Nick Reed

* Gospel Lesson Matthew 24: 36-44

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Sermon "Streaming Toward the Mountain" Dr. Cheetham

Response of the People

* Affirmation of Faith *from the Westminster Confession*

Of God, and of the Holy Trinity

There is but one only living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty; most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute, working all things according to the counsel of his own immutable and most righteous will, for his own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek him; and withal most just and terrible in his judgments; hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

In the unity of the Godhead there be three Persons of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.

* Hymn 2236

Gather Us In GATHER US IN

* Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Vieux Noel* Franck

* Doxology Hymn 592

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: O God of majesty, you are holy, and blessed is us together as members of his body, the Church. set before us the promise of new life, the certain table with Christ, our host. Remembering your your creation this bread and this cup, and joyfully of his coming again.

People: Accept this, our sacrifice of praise, O God, as service. Nurture us at this, your table, that we service and nourished to proclaim your love

Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who has joined We rejoice that in his death and rising again, you hope of a heavenly home, where we will sit at the grace given through Jesus Christ, we take from celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day

a living and holy offering of ourselves to your may be united together in one faith and and grace in all that we do. Amen.

Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Prayer of Celebration.

Sending Forth

* Hymn 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight DUNLAP'S CREEK

* Charge and Benediction

* Choral Response

Postlude *People Look East* Callahan

Lay Reader: Pat Bone

Worship Notes: This morning we are celebrating the sacrament of communion, also called the Lord's Supper. A sacrament is an outward sign of an inward grace. This means that the bread and grape juice symbolize God's love for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Presbyterian Church believes that the elements stay the same but acknowledges the special presence of Christ in and around the elements through the Holy Spirit. This is a powerful opportunity to commune with Jesus, our Savior and Lord, and be reminded of his love for us.

All those who have been baptized are welcomed to the Lord's Table. This is not a right, but a privilege. It is a call to confess your sins and opportunity to renew your faith. We ask that you hold the elements so everyone can eat the bread or drink the cup together as this symbolizes our unity in Christ.

The Church Session

Pat Climer, Clerk of Session

2007

Suanne Bone
Tom Halbert
David Howell
Hugo Sandoval

2008

Charles Bradshaw
Pat Climer
Ken Hawkins
Gwynn Lanus

2009

Richard Hartwell
Richard Pellerin
Mary E. Hofstetter
Roy Wauford

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Lesley Jacobson
Karen Jump

Doug Bone
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Faye Brown
Becky Burris

Judy Denney
David Foutch
Judy Leonard
Justin Taylor

Prayer Concerns

Alba Telez	Jane Martin	Keri Fitts
Jerry Gray	Archie McKinnes	Debbie McClure
Maclynn Crawford	Elizah Patterson	Johnny Keel
Al Johnson	Carey Mathis	Sara Thompson
Ronnie Walsworth	Ricky Lambert	Irene Campbell
Debbie Sharp	Claudine Prowell	Linda Wills
Debbie York	Deborah Sindorf	Sherry Arnold
Ruth Reeves	David Freeman	Kathy Eckler
Peggy Williams	Susan Bowman	Mary H. Averitt
Racheal Dugger	Deborah Dugger	Hazel Williams
Peggy Marion	Marcia Williams	Brenda Barnes (NC)
Marjorie Nabbe	Susan Beeler	Earl Campbell
Max Taylor	Eddie Watters	Phillip Robertson
Mechelle Bass	Nancy Gamble	Judy French
Thayer & Alice Smith	David Grandstaff	Nita Taylor
Mac McVicker	Joanne McCanles	Nancy Cook
Taylor Holweger	Robert Nabbe	Margaret Rigsby
Francis Lanus	Kendall Higgins	Barbara Greenamyre
Bob Taylor	Carol Daghish	Billie Marks

Military

Chris Bowhannan	Jason Nolley	Lee Smith
Jaymon Bell	David Midgett	Brian Reeve
Kevin Alseys	Noah Evans	Jason Redmon
Luke Baker	Matthew Humes	Randy Sandlin
Matthew Ash	Kyle Flanagan	Mike Matthys
Michael O'Neil	Scott Bass	Kyle Kaker
Stewart Beaumont		

The Church Staff

Dr. John T. Cheetham, Pastor
Nicholas Reed, Associate Pastor
Gary Scott, Organist
Kristy Stevens, Administrative Assistant
Branson Clark, Music Director
Betsy White, Nursery Attendant
Tracey Hay, Treasurer
Lee Anne Warren, Preschool Director

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