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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

30 NOVEMBER 2025

POEM

The Advent
(by B. B. Warfield)

The Lord has come into His world!
"Nay, nay, that cannot be:
The world is full of noisomeness
And all iniquity;
The Lord—thrice holy is His name—
He cannot touch this thing of shame."

The Lord has come into His world!
"Ah, then, He comes in might,
The sword of fury in His hands,
With vengeance all bedight!
O wretched world! thine end draws near,
Prepare to meet thy God, in fear!"

The Lord has come into His world!
"What! in that baby sweet?
That broken man, acquaint with grief?
Those bleeding hands and feet?
He is the Lord of all the earth,
How can He stoop to human birth?"

The Lord has come into His world!
"A slaughtered Lamb I see,
A smoking altar, on which burns
A sacrifice for me!
He comes—He comes—O blessed day!—
He comes to take my sin away!"

PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

“And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” (Genesis 17:7)

- **Lane Charles Powell II**, son of Charley and Sage

Congregation Response – “I Bind unto Myself Today,” v. 9 (for music, see #794)

9. I bind unto myself today,
The strong name of the Trinity:
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One and One in Three,
Of Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation
Salvation is of Christ the Lord!

PREPARATION

For Preparation

“The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.”
(Isaiah 9:2)

The Gloria Patri (Refrain of “Angels We Have Heard on High”) –with uplifted hands–

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system shows the piano accompaniment in the left hand and the vocal line in the right hand. The lyrics are "Glo - - - - - ri - a -". The second system shows the piano accompaniment in the left hand and the vocal line in the right hand. The lyrics are "in ex - cel - sis De - o. De - - - - o." The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and a more melodic upper line. The vocal line is a simple melody that follows the lyrics.

THE LORD CALLS US

The Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

From Isaiah 9

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shone.

You have multiplied the nation;

you have increased its joy;

For to us a child is born,

to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace

there will be no end,

on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it

with justice and with righteousness

from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hymn – “Savior of the Nations, Come” (855)

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

Corporate Prayer of Confession (based on Isaiah 57:15)

O Father, we now come before you,

the King of Heaven and Earth,

whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite

to confess that:

we have sinned in thought and word and deed;

we have not loved you with all our heart and soul,

we have not loved you with all our mind and strength;

we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Father, forgive us.
In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done
and for the good we have left undone,
so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.

**Holy Spirit, sanctify us more
into the image of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that we might resist the temptations of Satan
and delight to do the Father's will.**

Kyrie: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (vs. 1 & 3)

1 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.

3 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.

Silent Prayers of Confession –*kneeling, if able*–

Assurance of Pardon – Galatians 4:4-5

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

Sursum Corda

So, lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, we praise You, Triune God, and we join our voices with the angels, the archangels, and the whole company of Heaven in this hymn of eternal praise:

THE LORD CONSECRATES US

Franklin Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho-ly, ho-ly,
God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry.
Ho -
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho -
Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the
san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est. A - men.
high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est. A - men.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009 © wilburmusic.com
Text: Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8, Matthew 21:9

Profession of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hades. On the third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
We 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.

**catholic refers to the universal collection of God’s people throughout all time and from all places.*

The Westminster Shorter Catechism: #98-100

Q. 98. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

Q. 99. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer, but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called, The Lord’s Prayer.

Q. 100. What doth the preface of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?

A. The preface of the Lord’s Prayer, which is, Our Father which art in heaven,” teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

Hymn – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (880)

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

New Testament Reading: Luke 1:26-38

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!***

Hymn– “While Shepherds Watched” (888)

Prayer of Adoration and Intercession

*When you hear, “Lord, in your mercy,” please respond with: **“Hear our prayer.”***

Sermon – “Advent & the Unmaking of the Curse: ENMITY”

Genesis 3:14-15 & 1 John 3:8
Pastor Brooks Potteiger

The Lord’s Prayer (see #1108 for music)

Our Father, which 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 forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

TITHES AND TRIBUTE OFFERINGS

God of all provision—
from Whom all things were created
and for Whom all things were created
we recognize in this moment that all we have is from you.

We are honored to be the King’s stewards.

You have blessed us richly,
and we ask for wisdom in all of our financial dealings,
both personally and corporately.

**Receive this portion of our harvest which we bring to You
in faith, obedience, and with joy.**

Hymn – “Hills of the North, Rejoice” (860)

Hymn – “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” (909)

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Words of Institution and the Lord’s Table

The Lord’s Supper is a sacramental family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians, who are in good standing at a church that proclaims the gospel, to the table. By coming, you acknowledge that you have trusted in Christ alone for your justification before God, that you are currently at peace with God and neighbor, and that you are seeking to grow daily in holiness. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Brooks.

THE BREAD – “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” (see next page)

To display our unity, please wait to eat the bread until instructed.

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Capo 1: A D A D B E

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4. For lo! the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - et - bards fore - told,

From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their Heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world;
 Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
 When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold

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"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From Heav'n's all - gra - cious King!"
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - ring wing,
 Look now! for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing.
 When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling,

12 A D A D E A

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
 And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 Oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing!
 And the whole world send back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Music: Richard S. Willis, 1850
 Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1850

CAROL
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THE WINE

We pass the wine with "the peace of Christ." You are welcome to drink the wine immediately and to fellowship freely during this time. If juice is desired, it will be the lighter liquid in the tray.

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

Commissioning Hymn – “Brightest and Best of the Sons” (872)

Charge

Benediction (Romans 16:19-20)

“For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”

Closing Doxology –with uplifted hands–

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here be low;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

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Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

For Family Worship

Daily Catechesis

- **Weekly Westminster Shorter Catechism:** #98-100 (see liturgy, pg. 6)
- **Hymn of the Week:** “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” (see liturgy, pg. 8)
- **Verse of the Week:** “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.” (Romans 16:20)
- **Poem:** (see liturgy, pg. 1)

Prayer Requests

Current

- For Caitlin Prieskorn's grandma, and the potentially cancerous tumor on her brain. For clear diagnosis, that it'd be benign, and that the treatment would be effective, whichever path is needed.
- For opportunities to share the gospel with unbelieving family members this Christmas season. That we would seek out opportunities, and take them in faith.
- Quick recoveries for Frank Gorgie and Tommy Coppers, who both had surgery this past week.
- Healing for Mr. Wayne Hays who has come down with a respiratory virus
- For Sydney VanHofwegen's sister and her estrangement from the family. That the Lord would heal the divide.
- For our college students, Taylor Frost and Anna Smith.
- For a new job for Coleman Philips.
- For Caleb Haymes, and his ongoing physical issues.
- For those who are waiting to hear back about job promotions, and the opening of other vocational doors. May the Lord bless us with productive plows and fruitful fields.
- For the mothers who are with child. Safety for all the mommas and babies.
- For the folks who are newer to our community. That they would get established quickly
- For our own place in God's timing.

Ongoing

- For a teaching elder for the new CREC plant in Columbia, King's Cross Reformed Church
- For the CREC church plant in DC that launched in July
- Favor and wisdom for those who have businesses, or are dreaming of starting one.
- Provision, peace, wisdom, and diligence for those feeling the financial pinch
- Great wisdom for Pete in his role as SecDef and continued protection - both spiritual and physical - for the Hegseths
- For the ministries we financially support:
 - Cumberland Crisis Pregnancy: Provision, protection, and wisdom
 - The Joint Eastern European Project (J.E.E.P.): See their website for current prayer requests
 - Recovery Refuge House in Ridgetop

Upcoming Events

LADIES' FAVORITE THINGS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - December 9th

- 5:30 @ Jennifer Smith's (see Signal for address)
- Dinner provided
- Favorite things gift swap \$25
- 2nd Annual Cookie Exchange

CAROLING - December 10th & 17th

- From 6-7pm
- The neighbor TBD

A SERVICE OF LESSONS, CAROLS, & CANDLELIGHT - December 24th

- At the church from 4:30-5:30pm

MEN'S WEEKLY BOOK STUDY - *The Holiness of God*, by R.C. Sproul

- Fridays at 6:15 am on Pastor Brooks's back porch

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

- First Sunday of every month
- Immediately following the service at the church
- No Sunday School on these days
- **If you would like to serve on the fellowship team, email Sharon Haney at daylily1980@comcast.net**

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

- Beginning August 13th
- From 7-7:30pm

Officers:

The Session:

- Pastor Brooks Potteiger – pastor@pilgrimhill.church
- Assistant Pastor Clint Lum – pastorclint@pilgrimhill.church
- Josh Boyd (Ruling Elder)

The Diaconate:

- Chris Boyd
- Shelvy Huffman
- Scotty Rowlett

**Submit a question for Pastor Brooks
for an upcoming Q&A:**



**Church-wide Signal Thread
for Announcements:**



Meal sign-up for Recovery Refuge:



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