Covenant Church

Morning Worship — December 29, 2024

Welcome

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Announcements

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 30:4-5

*Sing: Hymn #224, Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Invocation

*Confession of Faith (Unison) Damian Giammichele The Apostles' Creed (Copied from The Reformation Study Bible, 2015)

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Born of the virgin Mary;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven;

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the Dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

The holy catholic* church; the communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body;

And the life everlasting. Amen.

* The word "catholic" refers to the universal church

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We're very glad to worship with you this morning. Covenant Church is a church of **Prayer**, **Worship**, and **Love for Our City**, while rejoicing and resting in God — to his glory.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Morning and Evening Worship January 5, 2025 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM

We look forward to resuming both Morning Worship and Evening Worship on the first Sunday in January.

GOD CLEANSES US

Confession of Sin (Unison)

Psalm 51:1-4 (ESV)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

*Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1:18 (ESV)

¹⁸ "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

*Sing: Hymn #308, *Jesus Paid It All* (Children Come Forward on Last Stanza)

Children's Message

GOD CONSECRATES US

Worship of God with Tithes & Offerings Jeffrey Kusumi

*Sing: Hymn #731, The Doxology

Prayer (& 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 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*.

Reading of Scripture

Psalm 49:7-8 (ESV): "⁷Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, ⁸ for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice."

2 Timothy 2:8 (ESV): "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring [Gk. spermatos] of David, as preached in my gospel."

John 1:1 (ESV): "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:14 (ESV): "And the Word became flesh and dwelt [Gk. eskēnōsen] among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

John 1:18 (ESV): "No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.

Philippians 2:6-11 (ESV): "⁶ who, though he was in the form [or nature] of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form [or nature] of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

John 4:2–3 (ESV): "² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come [Gk. eleluthota, perfect tense – lit., 'has come and remains'] in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already" (cf. 2 John 1:7).

Sermon, Dr. Edward L. Dalcour "The Glorious Incarnation: God Became Flesh" *Sing: Psalter #46 *Closing Prayer *Sing: Psalter #179