
Order of Worship December 16, 2018

Preparing our Hearts: If you arrive a little early, prepare your heart for worship by reading and thinking about this text:

- *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.* (Col. 1:15 ESV)

Call to Worship:

- God calls us to worship
 - *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!* (Ps. 148:1-14 ESV)
- We humbly respond with praise
 - "Exult In The Savior's Birth"
 - Children's Choir

Gospel Assurance:

- Our need for Jesus
 - "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood"
- God's grace
 - *But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.* (Ps. 13:5-6 ESV)
 - "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

What we Believe: As a church we want to affirm our unity in what we believe.

- *We believe that it pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the manifestation of the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning, to create, or make of nothing, the world, and all things therein whether visible or invisible, in the space of six day; and all very good. Amen. (Westminster Confession of Faith 4.1)*

Prayer: We bring our requests to the Lord through Jesus Christ.

Church Life/Greeting: In Christ, we live and fellowship together as believers. We take time to learn what is going on in our church, and to greet one another as we worship.

Prayer for Understanding: We pray that God will open our hearts and minds to the preaching of His Word.

Sermon:

- Colossians 1:15-20 (Stephen Sammons)

Lord's Supper: In taking communion together, we remember the death of Christ as we proclaim it to one another as we consume the elements.

- "I Will Glory In My Redeemer"

Praise to God (Doxology): We end our time of worship together as we resound in praises together.

- "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

God Blesses: We go into the world this week with God's blessings as He enables us to serve Him.

- *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:2 ESV)*

Who Is Jesus For You?
Colossians 1:15-20
Stephen Sammons

