

Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God — 10:30 a.m. on December 6th 2020

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 30:1-5

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

OPENING HYMN

Come, thou long-expected Jesus (TH# 196)
Charles Wesley (1744)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended to the dead.
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from there he shall 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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 17:14-18

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 120

SERMON

The Beginning of the Pilgrimage - for Us as for Christ
Rev. Wendell Stoltzfus

PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates! (TH# 198)
Georg Weissel (1642)

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near,
the Savior of the world is here.

3 O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King in triumph comes!

5 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

6 So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Wendell Stoltzfus is an Orthodox Presbyterian minister, and Project Director for Equipping Leaders International, a ministry that trains and multiplies pastors and Christian leaders in the developing world. Prior to that he served as a pastor for fifteen years; three of those in Pottstown. He lives in Elverson with his wife, Priscilla, and their three (nearly grown) children Stephen, Elizabeth, and Christian.

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