



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of CHATTANOOGA

The Lord’s Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

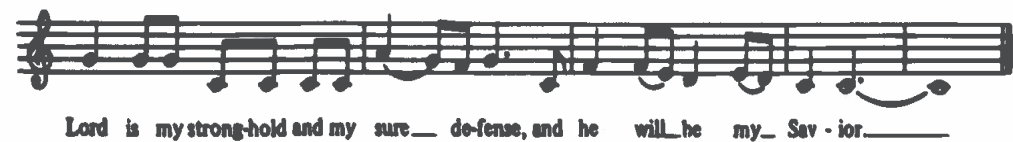
Pre-Service Musical Presentation (10:30am only)
Children/Youth Carols
“Come and See!”

Prelude Celtic Ensemble
“What Child Is This?” *with* “Greensleeves Jig” arr. by Susan Whitacre

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for Worship
Celtic Ensemble, Sigrid Luther, and Judy Glass
*Adult Choir
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *with* “Emmanuel” arr. by Bruce Greer

Advent Candle Lighting

†Congregational & Choral Response
“The First Song of Isaiah” by Jack Noble White



†Prayer of Adoration Elder Steve Hawkins

†Hymn No. 196 (vv. 1,2,4)
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

†Affirmation of Faith (*To be read in unison*) Elder Steve Hawkins
Isaiah 40:9-11

Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news. Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news. Lift it up; fear not. Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and His arm rules for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. He will tend His flock like a shepherd. He will gather the lambs in His arms. He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Hymn No. 221 (vv. 1,2,4)
“Lo, How a Rose E’er Booming”

Confession of Sin (*To be read in unison*) Elder Steve Hawkins
from “Reformed Worship” by James Hart Brumm

We have locked ourselves out, O God. Each of us, in our own way, has locked ourselves out of relationships, has locked ourselves out of opportunities, has locked ourselves out of our true home, because we are too arrogant, or too stubborn, or simply too human. We have filled our lives and our world with darkness and death, because we have, all too often, put our own judgment and desires over Yours. We are lost, in need of light and hope and joy.

Come, Lord Jesus; forgive us and restore us.
Come, Lord Jesus; guide us and deliver us.
Come, Lord Jesus; teach us and renew us.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Private Confession of Sin

Hymn bulletin
“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen” *with* “Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem”

Elder Prayer for God’s People

Offertory Judy Glass and Sigrid Luther
“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” arr. John Innes
*Adult Choir, Laura Ayres
Congregation joins on **bold** text
“Is He Worthy? by A. Peterson & B. Shiver
by H. Sorenson & S. Whitacre

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.**
Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.**
But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the light from getting through?
We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**

Is all creation groaning? **It is.**
Is a new creation coming? **It is.**
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory, is He worthy of this? **He is.**

Does the Father truly love us? He does.
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? He does.
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory, is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!

†Greeting of Peace & Dismissal of Children
*Children’s church for 4 years old through 1st grade is available. Parents, please walk your children to the PreK-K room. (*Leaders will meet children at the left front doors of the Sanctuary during the late service only.)*

†Advent Doxology
*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

†Scripture Reading Rev. Mike Haberkorn
Revelation 5:1-11 (pp. 1030-1031 in pew Bible)

Sermon Rev. Mike Haberkorn
“Our Lion King & Christmas Tree”

†Closing Hymn No. 196 (vs. 3)
“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

†Benediction Rev. Mike Haberkorn

Postlude Celtic Ensemble
“Good Christian Men, Rejoice Jig Medley” arr. by Susan Whitacre

†The Congregation will please stand.
***10:55 service**

The flowers are given today by Everett and Gayle Sorensen in celebration and praise of Emmanuel’s birth and of His fulfillment of Jude 24 & 25. (Flowers will be arranged and delivered following the late worship service by the ONE Bible Study. All volunteers are welcome.)

Announcements are available at 1stPresbyterian.com.

with Sing Choirs of New Jerusalem

Traditional English Carol,

with additional words by

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

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