

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | WORSHIP IN WORD & SACRAMENT

January 21, 2024 | 6:00 P.M.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE“Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending” (pages 2-3)

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION & LORD'S PRAYER

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITHThe Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; and His kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*catholic means *general* or *universal*; that is to say, we confess that the Church is more than First Presbyterian Church or the PCA.

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

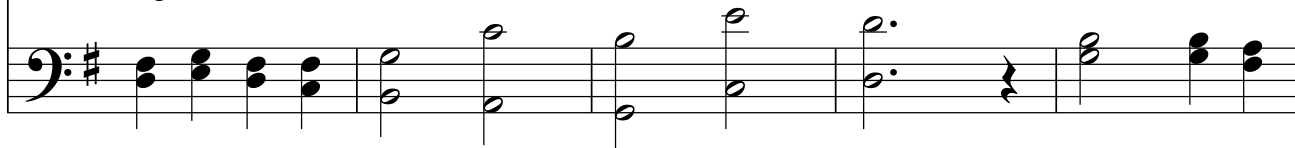
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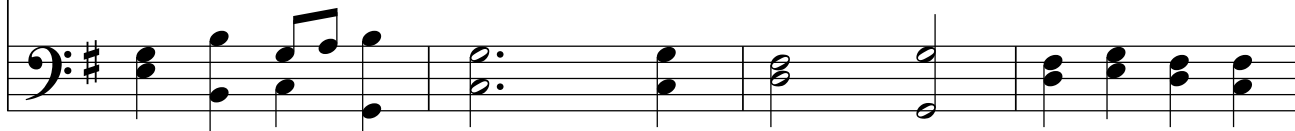
1. Lo! He comes, with clouds de - scend - ing,
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him,
3. Ev - 'ry is - land, sea, and moun - tain,
4. Now re - demp - tion, long ex - pect - ed,
5. Yea, a - men! Let all a - dore Thee,



once for fa - vored sin - ners slain; thou - sand
robed in dread - ful maj - es - ty; those who
heav'n and earth, shall flee a - way; all who
see in sol - emn pomp ap - pear! And His
high on Thine e - ter - nal throne; Sav - ior,



thou - sand saints at - tend - ing swell the
set at naught and sold Him, pierced, and
hate Him must, con - found - ed, hear the
saints, by men re - ject - ed, com - ing
take the pow'r and glo - ry, claim the



tri - umph of His train. Al - le -
 nailed Him to the tree, deep - ly
 trump pro - claim the day: Come to
 with Him in the air. Al - le -
 king - dom for Thine own: O come

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 judg - ment! Come to judg - ment! Come to
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 quick - ly, O come quick - ly, O come

lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.
 wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 judg - ment! Come to judg - ment, come a - way!
 lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
 quick - ly! Al - le - lu - ia! Come, Lord, come!

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, the great and awesome God, You are righteous, but today we are covered with shame, because we have sinned against You. Though You are merciful and forgiving, we have turned away from You, we have rebelled against You, and have refused to obey Your good and perfect commands.

O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and who made a name for Yourself that endures to this day, let not Your anger fall upon us. Turn to us and hear our prayer and forgive us, showing us Your grace and mercy. For Your sake, O God, do not delay, because Your Church and Your people bear Your Name.

THE SILENT CONFESSION

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

*THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 91 “The One Who Dwells in God” (pages 4-5)

8. He brought them safe - ly through the sea and o - ver - whelmed their foes;
 9. For - get - ful soon, they tempt - ed God, nor for his coun - sel cared;
 10. Their God and Sav - ior they for - got, their help - er and their stay,
 11. But they de - spised the pleas - ant land, the prom - ised land of God,
 12. A - gainst his own in - her - i - tance the Lord’s great wrath a - rose;

their faith was stirred, and for the time their songs of praise a - rose.
 he sent them lean - ness in their souls, while they earth's boun - ties shared.
 • but Mo - ses sought the prom - ised grace and turned God's wrath a - way.
 and tempt - ed him to make them fall and scat - ter them a - broad.
 his cho - sen peo - ple he con - demned to serve their hea - then foes.

13. Save us, O Lord, our gracious God,
 from alien lands reclaim,
 that we may triumph in your praise
 and bless your holy Name.

14. Blest be the Lord, our covenant God,
 all praise to him accord;
 let all the people say, "Amen!"
 Forever praise the Lord.

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....ZECHARIAH 1:7-17

THE SERMONVision 1: "Domination & Comfort"

I. Introduction

II. Main Argument

A. Vision (vv. 1-11)

1. Prophecies or Visions?

2. Components of the Vision

3. Message of the Vision

a. How have such light cavalry units functioned throughout history?

b. How do we know this is not to be interpreted literally?

c. **Application:** *God's interest in the earth is neither distant nor disinterested, but He dominates reality and directs history.*

4. Scout Report (v. 11)

a. Why might the report be disheartening to some of the Remnant?

b. Why would this vision be encouraging with the right perspective?

c. **Application:** *What you hope for determines the comfort you experience from God's revelation.*

B. Perspective (vv. 12-15)

1. Heaven Troubled

a. Why is heaven trouble?

b. Why is 70 years significant?

c. **Application:** *The prayer of the Angel teaches us how to pray.*

d. **Application:** *Christ prays for His people when they most need it.*

2. Commitment

3. Condemnation

a. What is the reason for God's anger?

b. What perspective is necessary when contemplating the wicked?

c. How does God's disposition toward His people differ from that toward the other nations? Why?

C. Restoration (vv. 16-17)

1. Assurance

2. Renewal

III. Conclusion

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 420“ At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST BY FAITH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

please hold the elements until all have been served so we may partake together

gluten free bread is available in the cups | white grape juice is available for those who cannot consume any alcohol

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE PSALM OF THANKSGIVING NO. 117“Praise Jehovah, All Ye Nations!” (page 8)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE RESPONSE.....“The Doxology”

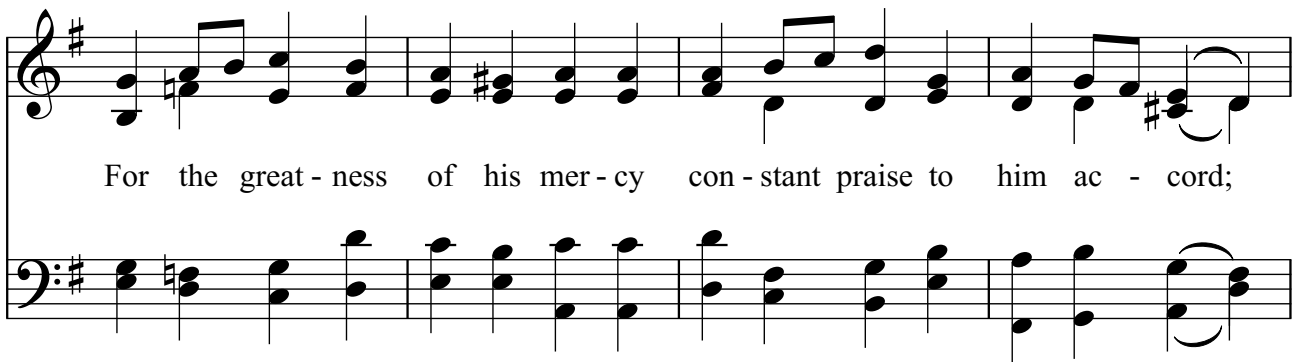
Praise God , from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



¹Praise Je - ho - vah, all ye na - tions, all ye peo - ple praise pro - claim;



²for his grace and lov - ing - kind - ness O sing prais - es to his name.



For the great - ness of his mer - cy con - stant praise to him ac - cord;



ev - er - more his truth en - dur - eth; hal - le - lu - jah, praise the Lord!