

GOOD HOPE

Presbyterian Church

December 1, 2019

Lord's Day Morning

PRELUDE

GREETINGS

INTERLUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP John 1:1-4

Leader: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."

HYMN

King of the Ages

Chorus:

King of the Ages, Almighty God;

Perfect love, ever just and true

Who will not fear You and bring You praise?

All the nations will come to You.

Your ways of love have won my heart,
And brought me joy unending;
Your saving power at work in me,
Bringing peace, and the hope of glory.

Chorus

Your arms of love are reaching out
To every heart that seeks You.
Your light will shine in all the earth,
Bringing grace and a great salvation.

Chorus

The day will come when You appear
And every eye will see You;
Then we shall rise with hearts ablaze
With a song we shall sing forever.

Chorus

PRAYER OF PRAISE

CHOIR

Arise with Joy

Mark Schweizer

Arise with joy, O faithful band,
And come to meet the Lord most high!
Arise, the kingdom is at hand,
The glorious King is drawing nigh.
Look up, all souls, weighed down with care,
And see, the Sov'reign is not far;
Look up, faint hearts, from your despair,
Behold the bright and Morning Star!

Rejoice, all weary hearts today,
Our Lord and King is very near,
So cast your grief and fears away,
For your deliverance is here!
Redeemer, come, with us abide,
let us your holy presence feel,
our hearts to you we open wide,
your grace and love to us reveal.

O brighter than some glorious morn
shall that new day of wonder be,
when Christ, our King, in beauty comes,
and we at last His face shall see.
For this we raise a joyful voice,
On high we sing to you alone,
And evermore with thanks rejoice,
And bow before your glorious throne.

HYMN 26

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Jeremiah 23:5-6

CHILDREN'S STORY

(Children ages 3 and under may be dismissed to the nursery).

BELGIC CONFESSION

Articles XVII-XVIII

Leader: We believe that our most gracious God, in His admirable wisdom and goodness, seeing that man had thus thrown himself into physical and spiritual death and made himself wholly miserable, was pleased to seek and comfort him, when he fled trembling from His presence, promising him that He would give His Son (who would be born of a woman) to bruise the head of the serpent and to make him blessed.

People: We confess, therefore, that God has fulfilled the promise, which He made to the fathers by the mouth of His holy prophets, when He sent into the world, at the time appointed by Him, His only-begotten and eternal Son, who took upon Him the form of a servant and became like unto man, really assuming the true human nature with all its infirmities, sin excepted; being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit without the means of man; and did not only assume human nature as to the body, but also a true human soul, that He might be a real man. For since the soul was lost as well as the body, it was necessary that He should take both upon Him, to save both.

HYMN

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe;
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me!
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand!
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(Children ages 4 to 8 may be dismissed to Children's Church)

SERMON PASSAGE

Genesis 3:1–21
(page 3, blue Bible)

SERMON

The Fatal Trap!

Mr. Waller

HYMN 230

Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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