

The Lord's Day

December 20, 2020 ~ 10:30 AM

Scripture for Meditation: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."
-John 1:14 (ESV)

Prelude *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* arr. L. Larson
[Hymn 195](#)

* Call to Worship (responsive reading) Isaiah 55

Leader: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

People: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Leader: Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

People: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near

Leader: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

People: For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Leader: For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

* [Hymn 208](#) *O, Come All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

* Invocation

Old Testament Lesson (Bible, p. 575) [Isaiah 11:1-9](#)

** Silent Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* [Hymn 210](#) *Silent Night! Holy Night!* STILLE NACHT

** Prayers of the People

Offertory *Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One* arr. J. S. Bach
PCC Quartet

* [Hymn 731](#) *Doxology* OLD HUNDRETH

* Prayer of Dedication

Sermon **The Word Became Flesh** Pastor Will Snyder
Text: [John 1:1-18](#) (Bible, p. 886)

* [Hymn 203](#) *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

The Lord's Supper *Away in a Manger* [Hymn 204](#)
Coventry Carol/The First Noel

* [Hymn 214](#) *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

* Benediction

* Silent Meditation

Announcements and Dismissal

As you enter the Sanctuary, please be considerate of others who are quietly preparing for worship. Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.

In an effort to be subject to our civil authorities as well as considering the well-being of others before ourselves, facial masks are required at all times while inside the church facility on Sunday mornings, with the exception of the Pastor and those leading in worship during the service. According to state guidelines you are not required to use a mask or cloth face covering if it is contrary to your health or safety because of a medical condition, a child in a child care setting, anyone under the age of 2 years, or an older child if the parent, guardian or person responsible for the child is unable to place the mask safely on the child's face.

On Sunday mornings, as you use the fellowship hall or sanctuary, please avoid movement between the two facilities as we treat them as separate gatherings in an effort to comply with current regulations.

Communion Reminder: The outer ring of cups on each tray contains grape juice; all other cups in each tray contain wine. The bread/cracker that is served is gluten-free.

* Congregation Standing

** Congregation Kneeling

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

December 20, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Armand Chenelle
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Scott Bolliger
Ushers: Walter Mayo
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*):
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio: *Shepherding Groups-*
No Evening Service

December 27, 2020

Worship Leader: Elder Sterling Harmon
Greeters:
Deacon in Charge: Randy Hershberger
Ushers: Peter Benedict
Audio: Chaz Owens
Nursery: 9:30:
10:30 (*Worship*):
Toddler Time:
Coffee Clean-up:
Evening Audio:

Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One

1. Now praise we Christ the Holy One, the spotless Virgin Mary's Son, far as the blessed sun doth shine, e'en to the world's remote confine.
2. In a rude manger stretched on hay, in poverty content He lay; with milk was fed the Lord of all, who feeds the ravens when they call.
3. The heav'nly choirs rejoice, and raise their voice to God in songs of praise; to humble shepherds is proclaimed the Shepherd who the world hath framed.
4. All honor unto Christ be paid, pure offspring of the lovely Maid, with Father and with Holy Ghost 'till time in endless time be lost.

This Week at Church

Monday	12:00 PM	PCC Newsletter Deadline
	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Prayer Gathering
Thursday	5:30 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Friday		Christmas Day
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Covenant Group
	9:30 AM	Women's Prayer Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

EVENING SERVICE

Our Sunday Evening Service is tonight from 5:30 -6:30 PM. Elder Doug Fox will be preaching from Philippians 3:1-11, "Righteousness Through Faith in Christ – Look Out for the Dogs!"

COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP



We will have our annual Christmas Eve service, a traditional service of lessons and carols, on **Thursday, December 24th at 5:30 PM.**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday afternoon Bible study, led by Pastor Will, meets at 1:00 PM and will be studying Hebrews 11:1-7, 39-40, if you're interested please contact Pastor Will (pastorjws@gmail.com). We will be holding the study on-site at church and for those unable to attend in person, we will provide Zoom.

MEN'S COVENANT GROUP

The Men's Covenant Group, which meets on **Saturday mornings from 7:00-8:50 AM**, is well-underway in studying the Luke-Acts pairing of the New Testament. The group is observing the parallels of the two books, and enjoying fellowship in the Scriptures. It's never too late to join in.

We gather at 7:00 Saturday morning at the church with coffee and food, but there's also the option of attending through an online meeting. Please contact Pastor Will or the church office for the online option.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021

Dated offering envelopes for 2021 are now available on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. For those who have had envelopes in the past please look for your name on the box. It will have the same number envelopes you had this year. There are un-labeled boxes for anyone who hasn't used the offering envelopes but would like to start. For those new to using the envelopes please put your name on the envelope for the first few weeks of the new year. Thanks! Statements for 2020 will be mailed out in January.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS

It has been our custom to give a cash Christmas bonus to our PCC staff as an extra "thank you" for the hard work they do throughout the year. You may place a gift in the offering basket on Sunday or in the black wall safe by the church office door by **Sunday, December 20th**. If you've been worshipping from home via the live-stream, you can mail your gift into the church. Please clearly mark your envelope "Staff Christmas Gift." These donations are **not tax-deductible, and must be in the form of cash or a check made out to 'Cash'.**

THANK YOU!

Ellen Bowlin and the Bowlin Family would like to extend their thanks to everyone at PCC for the beautiful flowers they received following the passing of Ellen's father.

Notes for the Preaching of God's Word

The Word Became Flesh

John 1:1-18

Main Preaching Point: Since God has revealed himself and his glory in the person of Jesus Christ, make room in your life so that by believing you may have life in Him

›The Word in the Beginning (v.1-5)

›The Coming of the Word as the Light of the World (v.6-13)

›The Glory of the Word in the Flesh (v.14-18)

Questions for Individuals, families, or small groups

Text: John 1:1-18

Title: The Word Became Flesh

Questions:

1. What was most important or applicable in today's preaching? Can you summarize the main message?

The Word in the Beginning (v.1-5)

2. Read v.1-5. What is the "Word" (in greek 'logos')? What do we learn about the Word, and what is the Word's relationship to God?

3. John Calvin said that the 'Word' is "the eternal wisdom and will of God...and the express image of His purpose."¹ Others have said that the Word is the self-expression of God. What does the Word reveal about the character and nature of God?

- If the Word existed before creation and was the agent of creation (v.1, 3), then it follows that this world is not all

there is and we are not living in a "closed system". Man is not left to himself. Do you agree? Why is this significant?

- Jesus is God's message to the world. We are constantly bombarded with messages and "voices" in society seeking to define our identity and purpose. What are some of the main cultural messages vying for people's lives? How is the Christian message (and story) different? Explain.

The Coming of the Word as the Light of the World (v.6-13)

4. Read v.6-13. Rather than John the Baptist drawing light away from Jesus, how does the person and ministry of John shed more light upon Christ? Explain.

5. What do we learn in these verses about the nature of the world? Also, focus on v.11-12. What does it mean to "receive" and "believe" in Him?

The Glory of the Word in the Flesh (v.14-18)

6. Read v.14-18. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." What do these words mean and what do they communicate about the value God has upon his creation/creatures?

7. Though no one has ever seen God (v.18), Jesus has made him known. Reflect (or share) on how you came to know God through Jesus Christ.

¹ Commentary on St. John