

Advent

GOD SET THEM
IN THE VAULT
OF THE SKY
TO GIVE
LIGHT
ON THE EARTH

-GENESIS 1:17

NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
*Making Disciples -
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Wednesday night Advent Service
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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

How Many Are Thy Works, O God

GATHERING HYMN

Creator of the Stars of the Night GTG #84, vs 1, 2 & 4

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, O God, creator and ruler of the universe. You made the lights of the heavens: the sun in the day to brighten and warm the earth; the moon at night, and countless stars! You gave us these lights as signs for seasons, days, months, and years. Then in the fullness of time you sent Jesus Christ to be the light of the world, the morning star that never fades. Let your light illumine our lives and enlighten our path, until we may rest in perpetual light; through Christ our Lord and in the communion of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:14-19, 2:1-4

SERMON

HYMN

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

GTG #662

THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Merciful and loving God, the nights are long and the days are short. The soil is cold and the wind is sharp. As we await the coming of the Christ-child, we thank you for the presence of the Holy Spirit and the gift of prayer. Trusting in your promises, we come to you and pray:

For those who are cold;
May they find warmth.

For those who are ill;
May they find health.

For those who are hungry;
May they be filled.

For those who mourn;
May they find comfort.

For those who wait;
May they find wonder and joy.

For those who struggle;
May they find peace and ease.

For those who do not have hope,
May they know you.

We pray all these prayers and the prayers deep within our hearts in the name of your Son and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF THE LORD.

The peace of the Lord be with you;
and also with you.

Please share a sign of the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ with each other by waving and greeting each other in love.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works. You created the world and called it good and made us in your image to live together in love. You made a covenant with us, and even when we turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son. He lived among us and told your story. He healed the sick and welcomed sinners. He shared our pain and died our death, then rose to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus Christ, we break bread and share the cup, giving ourselves to you to live for him in joy and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world. By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

Played by Paul Holland

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

GTG #82

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thanks Be to God

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