



what child
is this

December 3, 2023

**HODGES BOULEVARD
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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ENJOY + ENGAGE + EQUIP

Order of Worship

First Sunday in Advent

***SONG OF PRAISE**

Faith + 1

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jonathan Swanson

CHORAL PRAISE

Traditions Choir

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Blunt family

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Amy Zalusky

(Children through 5th grade may exit)

CALL TO CONFESSION

2 Corinthians 5:21

Richard Bobo

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In our prayer of confession to you,

We appeal to your mercy and forgiveness.

For not using advent to prepare for your arrival,

We appeal to your mercy and forgiveness.

For leaving you out of our celebrations,

We appeal to your mercy and forgiveness.

For not showing to others the great grace you have shown us,

We appeal to your mercy and forgiveness.

Help us in the season of your coming,

To fully embrace your presence and love for all . . . (moments of silence)

ASSURANCE

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

**All who are able may stand*

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

Advent Doxology

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Family of God

(Please remain standing and pass the peace of Christ.)

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Psalm 130:5-6

Richard Bobo

We wait for the Lord, our souls wait, and in his word we hope; our souls wait for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:3-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:2-8

SERMON

What Child Is This?: Preparation

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(vs. 1, 2, & 5)

#88

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Revelation 21:3-4

See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING PRAISE**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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***BLESSING**

Isaiah 40:5

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Amen.

***PARTING MUSIC**

Welcome Guests

We welcome all who are worshipping with us today. If you are our guest, we pray that your experience will nurture your faith and that you feel welcome in this community of faith.

Nursery: Available from 9:45 –11:15 am

Children's Worship: K-5th Grades

After the Children's Time during the service, volunteers will escort the children from worship to the Fellowship Hall for special stories and activities geared just for them. Parents may pick them up after worship.

Calendar

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday In Advent	9:00 am 10:00 am	Bible Year Study Group Worship
Monday, December 4	9:15 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Preschool Board Meeting Scouts Worship Team (Zoom)
Tuesday, December 5	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Artists' Colony Deacons
Wednesday, December 6	7:30 am 10:00 am 6:30 pm	Bibles and No Bagels (Zoom) Women's Bible Study Choir Practice
Thursday, December 7	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Outreach Property
Saturday, December 9	11:00 am	PW Christmas Gathering

Remember in Prayer

Nancy Gonzalez (Crystal Phillips' mother)
Margo Grout
Judy Klein
Brant Newland

Betty Phillips
The family of Scott Thompson
Scott Welch

Please complete the welcome card located in your bulletin and place it the offering plate.