

CULPEPER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MORNING WORSHIP

December 10th, 2023 – Second Sunday of Advent

A nursery for children birth through age 4 is located on the first floor of the Fellowship Hall across Locust Street, the Elders will gladly show you the way.
Bathrooms are located across the street in the Fellowship Hall.

Rev. Joseph W. Taber IV, Minister

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT *God In Christ* Chancel Choir
By Lawrence Chottiner and Mark Patterson

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Soul Sisters Sunday School Class

Leader: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

People: Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,

Leader: Remember God's promises with prayer!

People: God fulfills the promise.

Leader: We light this candle in hope.

Leader: We light this candle for peace.

Leader: Listen for God's promise of peace in Isaiah 2:2-5 (reading on screen)

Leader: God's light shines in the darkness

People: And the darkness doesn't extinguish the light.

Leader: In Christ, the true light that shines on all people is coming into the world.

All: Keep watch, the LORD is near.

*HYMN- Glory to God #89 For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits (Insert)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION- Adapted from Isaiah 26:8-9, 12

In the path of your justice, LORD, we wait for you; with all our being, we long for your name and your acclaim. At night I long for you with my whole being; my spirit within me watches for you. When your judgments are at work in the earth, those living in the world learn righteousness. LORD, grant us peace, because all that we have done has been your doing.

Pause for silent prayer

Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA- Glory to God #90 Wait for the Lord



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Soul Sisters Sunday School Class

GOSPEL READING- Mark 5:25-34

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ANTHEM

Come to the Light

Chancel Choir

By Mary McDonald

CHILDREN'S SERMON

EPISTLE READING- Hebrews 10:10-25

SERMON

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Rev. Joseph Taber

Jesus the Priest

*HYMN- Glory to God #132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- Excerpts from the Second Helvetic Confession

God is One. We believe and teach that God is one in essence or nature. God is creator of all things both visible and invisible, the greatest good, omnipotent and supremely wise, kind and merciful, just and true.

God is Three. We believe and teach that the same one and indivisible God is three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each distinct and inseparable.

Christ is True God. We further believe and teach that the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, was predestined from eternity by the Father to be the Savior of the world. With respect to his divinity the Son is co-equal and of one substance with the Father; truly God, not only in name or by adoption or by any merit, but in substance and nature.

By everything he did and endured for our sake by his coming in the flesh, our Lord reconciled all the faithful to the heavenly Father, made atonement for sins, disarmed death, overcame damnation and hell, and by his resurrection from the dead brought again and restored life. He is our righteousness, life, and resurrection.

Christ's coming fulfilled the role of priesthood. He himself remains the only priest forever, and all the faithful are able to offer up spiritual sacrifices to God through Christ.

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OFFERING

Soul Sisters Sunday School Class

OFFERTORY

Mary Sweet Mary
By Selah
Barbara Fleming and Leah Taber, Duet

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Soul Sisters Sunday School Class

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: In joy and in sorrow

People: We will never walk alone

Leader:... we ask all this in the name of Christ Jesus who taught us to pray saying...

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. 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, the power, and the glory forever, amen.

*HYMN- #267 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

*INVITATION AND BENEDICTION IN WORDS AND MUSIC

Give Me Jesus

Mark 8:36

Spiritual, Arranged by Tom Fettke

Chancel Choir

*POSTLUDE

*All who are able, please stand

Bold print indicates unison reading

Culpeper Presbyterian

Church

Peace



*We are called by God to cultivate a community
of faithful disciples.*