



ADORATION

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP | **Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah,

"Behold your God!"

Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMN OF ADORATION

PAGE 3 | *Joy to the World*

Joy to the World (#195)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

CONFESSION



CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, we have not kept watch for you.

We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.

We have not waited to find your will for us.

We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.

We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.

Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.

Forgive us for living for ourselves rather than for you and for others.

Help us to wait to know your will.

Help us to look out for the needs of others.

Help us to work and watch for your coming. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

PAGE 5 | *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Of the Father's Love Begotten (#162)

Of the Father's love begotten
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the Source, the Ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

This is he whom heav'n-taught singers
sang of old with one accord,
whom the Scriptures of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
now he shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
all dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
ev'ry voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be,
honor, glory, and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius | Translator: John Mason Neale (1854)
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FORMATION AND COMMISSION



ADVENT READING | **Micah 5:2-5a**

Derrick and Erin Metschke

CATECHESIS | **Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day 49**

Q 124. What does the third petition mean?

A. “Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” means: Help us and all people to reject our own wills and to obey your will without any back talk. Your will alone is good. Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to, as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER | Randy Richmond, Deacon

READING OF THE WORD | **Genesis 3:1-15**

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

DOXOLOGY

Then let us all with one accord, sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
Who hath made heaven and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel!

Author: Anonymous (1833) | Tune: The First Nowell | CCLI# 1095616/20146299

SERMON

Hope in the Seed | Rev. Andrew Perkins

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Meditation | *Behold the Lamb of God*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

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.

Cups in the outer ring contain grape juice; remaining cups contain wine.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (Page 7) & *What Child is This* (Page 8)

CLOSING SONG

Page 9 | *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen (#211)

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray;

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father,
a blessed angel came;
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born
the son of God by name.

Refrain

"Fear not, then," said the angel,
"let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's pow'r and might."

Refrain

The shepherds at those tidings
rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding,
in tempest, storm, and wind:
and went to Bethlehem straightway,
the Son of God to find.

Refrain

What Child is This (#213)

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby:
joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Text Adapter: William C. Dix (ca. 1865); Tune: GREENSLEEVES
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Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
Christ the Lord upon the tree,
In the stead of ruined sinners,
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
Slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him,
Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance,
How unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected,
As we will be, when he comes.

CALENDAR & EVENTS

Details about events available at cpcissaquah.org

SUNDAY

8:45a - Sunday School

10a - Morning Worship (*also livestreamed*)

6p - Evening Worship

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Ministry: Advent Reflection

Friday, December 8 | 7p

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, December 9 | 8a

Children's Christmas Program (*in lieu of Sunday School*)

Sunday, December 17 | 8:45a

Please bring pastries, breakfast breads, or fruit to share afterwards (no hot dishes please).

Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 24 | 6p

INFORMATION

Nursery | Available during Sunday School and worship, for children up to 4 years.



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