

THE LORD'S DAY



First Sunday of Advent
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United Reformed Church of Nampa, ID
Rev. Nick Smith, Pastor

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00 AM

Prelude

Silent Prayer

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Martin Van Egmond

Choral Anthem

“Lo, He Comes, With Clouds Descending”

Words in back of bulletin

†Call to Worship

Revelation 4:5-11

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading and Salutation

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. Revelation 1:4-5

Amen!

Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!

Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.”

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

†“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Psalter Hymnal #318

Call to Confession
†Prayer of Confession: Psalm 130
Assurance of Pardon

Deuteronomy 5:6-21
Psalter Hymnal #273
Zephaniah 3:14-17

Pastoral Prayer

The Advent Canticle
†Psalm 96

Psalter Hymnal #187

Old Testament Reading
New Testament Reading
Prayer for Illumination

Hosea 6:1-3
1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Sermon

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18
ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS
I. ADVENT 2008

The Advent Hymn

†“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

Psalter Hymnal #371

Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen!

†*Doxology* (unannounced)

Psalter Hymnal #493

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude

EVENING CATECHISM SERVICE

6:30 PM

Prelude
Silent Prayer

†Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-2

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading and Salutation

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth.

- Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen!

Ephesians 1:2

†Psalm 99

Psalter Hymnal #194

†Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe a holy catholic Church, the communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body;

And the life everlasting. Amen.

†*Gloria Patri* (unannounced)

Psalter Hymnal #492

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

†Psalm 22

Psalter Hymnal #37

Scripture Reading
Prayer for Illumination

Genesis 2:4-25

Sermon

THE CREATION AND FALL OF MAN
BELGIC CONFESSION, ARTICLE XIV

We believe that God created man out of the dust of the earth, and made and formed him after His own image and likeness, good, righteous, and holy, capable in all things to will agreeably to the will of God. But *being in honor, he understood it not*, neither knew his excellency, but wilfully subjected himself to sin and consequently to death and the curse, giving ear to the words of the devil. For the commandment of life, which he had received, he transgressed; and by sin separated himself from God, who was his true life; having corrupted his whole nature; whereby he made himself liable to corporal and spiritual death. And being thus become wicked, perverse, and corrupt in all his ways, he has lost all his excellent gifts which he had received from God, and retained only small remains thereof, which, however, are sufficient to leave man without excuse; for all the light which is in us is changed into darkness, as the Scriptures teach us, saying: *The light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness apprehended it not*; where St. John calls men darkness. ...

†Psalm 25

Psalter Hymnal #44

Offering

General Fund

†Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen!

†“For All the Saints”

Psalter Hymnal #442

Postlude