

THE LORD'S DAY



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, A.D. 2008

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, who by the leading of a star did reveal your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at your Son's second coming rejoice in the full revelation of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Elder Martin Van Egmond

Choral Anthem

Psalm 98:1-4, 9

Words in back of bulletin

†Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-3, 13

†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!

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Isaiah 40:1-5

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.

†“Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

Psalter Hymnal #340

Call to Confession

Deuteronomy 5:6-21

†Prayer of Confession: Psalm 32

Psalter Hymnal #55

Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 3:1-4

Pastoral Prayer

The Advent Canticle

†Isaiah 40:1-5

Psalter Hymnal #406

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 39

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3:12-4:1

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1
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The Advent Hymn

†“Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending”

Bulletin

Offering

General Fund

Building 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 135:1-4

†Opening Prayer

†Responsive Reading and Salutation

Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

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

Ephesians 1:2

†Psalm 135

Psalter Hymnal #282

†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 148

Psalter Hymnal #304

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

THE COVENANT OF GRACE
BELGIC CONFESSION, ARTICLE XVII

We believe that our most gracious God, in His admirable wisdom and goodness, seeing that man had thus thrown himself into physical and spiritual death and made himself wholly miserable, was pleased to seek and comfort him, when he trembling fled from His presence, promising him that He would give His Son (who would be *born of a woman*) to bruise the head of the serpent and to make him blessed.

†“Joy to the World!” (Psalm 98)

Rejoice in the Lord #198

Offering
†Benediction

General Fund
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!

†Psalm 72:18-19
Postlude

Psalter Hymnal #488