

# The Lord's Day Worship Service

December 20, 2020

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome of Guests and Announcements

Prelude

## ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship

Is. 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:

**Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.**

Prayer of Invocation

\* Hymn # 194.....**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

\* Old Testament Scripture Reading.....Job 5:1-7

## CONFESSION OF SIN

From the Dutch Psalter of Peter Dathenus (1566).....read responsively

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before your great Majesty against which we have frequently and grievously sinned.

**We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death.**

We are unclean before you and children of wrath.

**We continually transgress your commandments, failing to do what you have commanded us, and doing that which you have expressly forbidden.**

We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way.

**We acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins.**

We confess, to our humiliation and to the praise of your mercy, that our transgressions are innumerable, and that our debt is so great that we cannot even begin to repay.

**We are not worthy to be called your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to you in prayer.**

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that you do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to you and live.

**We know that your mercy toward those who turn to you is infinite, and so we take courage to call upon you from the depths of our hearts, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**

Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Have compassion upon us in our infirmities.

**Wash us in the pure fountain of his blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow.**

Cover us with his innocence and righteousness, for the glory of your name.

**Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion.**

**We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the promise of God to all who repent of their sins and trust in Christ:

*"Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord GOD, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?' "*

Ezek. 33:11

Therefore I declare to you, that:

*Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.*

Rom. 8:1-2

**Amen!**

## CONFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

\* Hymn # 213.....**"What Child Is This"**

\* New Testament Scripture Reading.....Matthew 2:1-12

The Heidelberg Catechism (Lord's Day 51).....read responsively

Q. 126 Which is the fifth petition?

A. **"And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"; that is, be pleased for the sake of Christ's blood, not to impute to us poor sinners, our transgressions, nor that depravity, which always cleaves to us; even as we feel this evidence of thy grace in us, that it is our firm resolution from the heart to forgive our neighbour.**

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

\* Doxology.....page 731

\* Offertory Prayer

\* Hymn # 203.....“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

**MEANS OF GRACE**

Prayer of Intercession

\* Reading of the Word of God.....Luke 1:26–38

Sermon: “The Annunciation” .....Dr. Jones

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

**RESPONSE AND BLESSING**

\* Hymn # 229.....“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

\* Benediction

\* Congregational Threefold Amen

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# FRPC Announcements

We welcome all worshippers, especially our new visitors.  
Please talk to the pastor about scheduling a visit in your home this week.

**WELCOME** – We welcome you all to the worship service of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Moss Bluff. Our desire and prayer is for this church to grow to become a light for the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this community.

**SUGGESTIONS** – We welcome your input and suggestions on how to make First Reformed Presbyterian Church *the* church for you.

**COMMUNION** – We observe the Lord’s Supper each Lord’s Day during our corporate worship. The center cups contain grape juice and the other cups contain wine.

**NO BIBLE STUDY** – The weekly Bible Study will resume the second full week in January, 2021. We will go back to the lessons we missed in the Heidelberg Catechism study guide until we have completed this book.

**PREACHING SCHEDULE** – The pastor will be out of town for the next two Sundays. Next week RE Doug Barberousse will bring the morning message at DeRidder PCA. On Sunday, January 3, 2021, Chaplain Ken Godwin will preach the sermon to the congregation in DeRidder. Thanks to both of these brothers for their assistance in the worship of our Lord.

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

Sunday Worship.....8:30 A.M.  
Fellowship Time.....9:30 A.M.  
Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.

# First Reformed Presbyterian Church Prayer Requests

## THE CHURCH

FRPC & DeRidder PCA.....10 new families; evangelistic zeal  
FRPC.....A new place to worship  
Southern Louisiana Presbytery.....Presbyterian Church in America  
Persecuted Christians.....Pastor Wang Yi & Early Rain Covenant Church, China  
Pastor John McArthur & Grace Church, California

## MISSIONARIES

African Bible Colleges.....Students and teachers  
Brian Brock.....Missionary pilot  
Bill Carr.....Mokahum Ministry Center (Native American Ministry) in Bemidji, MN  
Scott Clement.....(RE Plains PCA, Zachary) Navojoa, Sonora, Mexico  
Yannick Imbert.....Prof. at Aix-en-Provence, France

## SALVATION

Kathy’s and Barbara’s sisters  
Don  
Jennie  
Harvey Clineman

## CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

Abby Finn  
Gavin Finn  
Lizzie Finn  
Caleb Greene  
Eowyn Greene  
Ilijah Greene  
Noah Greene  
Phillip Greene  
Samuel Greene

## GENERAL HEALTH & OTHER CONCERNS

Barbara Hebert.....Recovery from stroke  
Beth Lordo.....Balancing work and family; medical treatments  
Don Lordo.....Kidney stones  
Ben Scoggins.....Rehab  
Charity Scoggins.....Eczema  
Elbie (Elizabeth) van der Merwe.....Spot on spine; cannot walk

## CANCER

Margo Attwell.....Breast Cancer; chemo and radiation  
Kent Bergeron (RE at Three Rivers PCA).....Continued recovery  
Ken Richardson.....Cancer; heart medication; diabetes  
Marian Richardson.....Cancer; benign tumor in ear  
Butch Sizelove.....Cancer; liver problems

## THE ANNUNCIATION

Text Luke 1:26-38

### I. THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO MARY (vv. 26-33)

A. The Angel's Gracious Greeting (v. 28)

B. Mary's Fear And Bewilderment (v. 29)

C. Gabriel's Reassurance (v. 30-33)

### II. THE VIRGIN BIRTH PREDICTED (vv. 34-38)

A. Mary's Request For An Explanation (v. 34)

B. Gabriel's Reply (vv. 35-37)

C. Mary's Self-Surrender (v. 38)

D. Application