

7:00PM

ADVENT COMMUNION SERVICE, DECEMBER 2, 2018

# Welcome

#### A NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

We're all at different stages in our relationship with God. He may be the priority of your life, it may have been a while since you connected with him, or you may be exploring these things for the first time. At McLean Presbyterian, we celebrate God's grace: Jesus came to give us life – today and for eternity. This offer is made to us all; whatever your background, we're delighted you're here!

We'd love to connect with you this evening. Fill out the *Hello!* card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate in the back, then head on up to the front of the Sanctuary to say hello to our pastors. We'd love to meet you and chat about how our church can become your home.

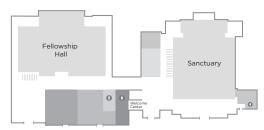
May this evening be good for your soul!

In his grace,

JAMES FORSYTH, SENIOR PASTOR

P.S. You're invited to join our pastors for lunch at one of our homes. Come get to know our families and other newcomers. Details and dates are at **mcleanpres.org/lunch**.

# BUILDING MAP (UPPER FLOOR)



Children & Student ministries downstairs; adult education at Cooper MS

#### FOR YOUR FAMILY

While you worship, your children will be loved and taught in an engaging environment. Classrooms are located on the lower floor; the nursing mothers' room is on the left as you exit the Sanctuary.

Visit the Family Welcome Desk downstairs or mcleanpres.org for schedules and details.

**Nursery** is offered for ages o - Pre-K.

# Service of Divine Worship

December 2, 2018 | 7:00PM Sanctuary

We rest our hearts in God's presence as we prepare for worship

PRELUDE

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

We celebrate God's presence

WELCOME & INVOCATION

with us and ask for his Spirit to work powerfully among us

God invites us to worship him in spirit and in truth CALL TO WORSHIP

**PSALM 130:5-8** 

Leader: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

People: My soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

Leader: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

People: And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

We sing praises to God for who he is and for what he has done

# SONGS OF PRAISE

# O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

# Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. **Refrain** 

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace.

#### Refrain 2x

Words & Music by Latin hymn tr. by J.M. Neale, 1851, alt, 1961; Music VENI EMMANUEL, Arr. by T. Helmore, 1856; CCLI License #152421

#### LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of Lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Words from Liturgy of St. James, Adapt. by G. Moultrie; Music: PICARDY French melody; CCLI License #152421

We acknowledge our need of forgiveness and renewal through the cleansing blood of Jesus

# CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, you have called us to wait, hope, and rest in you alone, yet too often we have busied and buried our souls with the cares of this world. You have called us to give our full devotion to Christ, your Son, yet too often we have ignored his voice and avoided his presence. You have called us to be your faithful servants, yet too often we have foolishly preferred to serve our own interests above yours. Forgive us, Lord. Redeem us from all our iniquities and blot out all our transgressions.

God reminds us of his promise of forgiveness in Christ

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

# **ISAIAH 44:21-22**

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

We enjoy and extend the peace of the gospel to one another

# GIVING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Because our sins have been blotted out through the blood of Christ, we now have peace with God and peace with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

We ask for God's blessing on our tithes and offerings

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, men and women from our leadership will be available in the front.

As recipients of his grace, we give back to God a portion of what is already his

# PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We want to be a generous community. In response to the grace we've received, we seek to give cheerfully, diligently, proportionately, and sacrificially (2 Cor 8:1-15). Many of our people give online (mcleanpres.org); you can also place your gift in the offering plate.

We ready our hearts to receive the preaching of God's word

#### SONG OF PREPARATION

#### OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN

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 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!

Words by A.C. Prudentius, Tr. by J.M. Neale & H.W. Baker; Music DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Arr. by C.W. Douglas; CCLI License #152421

God speaks to us through the reading of his word SCRIPTURE READING

**ISAIAH 9:1-7 (PEW BIBLE P. 573)** 

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

God speaks to us through the preaching of his word SERMON

LIGHT THE WAY

The Zeal of the Lord

God gives us a visible sign to confirm his covenant promise in Christ

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

During the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, true believers who repent of their sins and desire to live as followers of Christ, who revealed himself to be fully God and man in one person, are invited to partake. Children who have not been received by the Session into communing membership after a public confession of faith should refrain even though they may have personally received the Savior, because of the responsibility of the recipient to discern the Lord's body.

We remember Christ's death, celebrate his resurrection, enjoy his presence, and anticipate his return

# SERVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

1 Corinthians 11:23-26:

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

\*Communion bread is gluten-free.

#### COMMUNION SONGS

#### **FULLNESS OF GRACE**

Fullness of grace in man's human frailty, this is the wonder of Jesus. Laying aside his power and glory, humbly he entered our world. Chose the path of meanest worth: scandal of a virgin birth. Born in a stable, cold and rejected: here lies the hope of the world.

Fullness of grace, the love of the Father shown in the face of Jesus.

Stooping to bear the weight of humanity, walking the Calvary road.

Christ the holy innocent took our sin and punishment.

Fullness of God, despised and rejected, crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for, Promise of God in Jesus. Through his obedience, we are forgiven, op'ning the floodgates of heaven. All our hopes and dreams we bring gladly as an offering. Fullness of life and joy unspeakable: God's gift in love to the world.

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#### WHAT CHILD IS THIS

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, spears, shall pierce him through; the cross be born 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.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

 $Traditional\ English\ Carol,\ Adapt.\ by\ W.C.\ Dix;\ Melody\ GREENSLEEVES;\ Arr.\ by\ J.\ Moser\ 2014;\ CCLI\ License\ \#152421$ 

#### O SING A SONG OF BETHLEHEM

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there, And of the news that came to them from angels in the air. The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today; Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill, Of him who walked upon the sea and bade the waves be still. For though like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll, When faith has heard the Master's Word, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,
Of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.
For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
And Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

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#### **JESUS MESSIAH**

He became sin who knew no sin, that we might become his righteousness. He humbled himself and carried the cross; love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus: Jesus, Messiah, name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven, Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, his blood the wine, broken and poured out all for love. The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn, love so amazing, Love so amazing. **Chorus** 

Bridge: All our hope is in you, all our hope is in you, All the glory to you, God, the Light of the world. **Chorus** 

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As recipients of God's grace, we give to help those in need

# DEACONS' OFFERING

As we've received a tangible expression of God's love and kindness for us, we offer a tangible expression of care and concern for those in need within our flock and community. Please designate your gift by writing "Deacons' Offering" on your check or envelope.

We respond to God's word through song

#### SONG OF SENDING

#### **BEHOLD THE SAVIOR**

Oh, what innocence sleeping in a manger under dreamless skies. See the newborn King trading ev'ry glory for a silent night. Here is the promise we have waited for. He will not leave us in the dark.

Chorus: He will bear our weight. He will wear our shame.
Come, lift him high. Behold the Savior.
Jesus Christ, law of love and light.
Come, lift him high. Behold the Savior.

Veiled deity, praise of ev'ry angel, shepherds bowing low. Sweet humility, mercy as a baby, God in flesh and bone. Here is the promise we have waited for. He will not leave us in the dark. **Chorus** 

Here is the promise we have waited for. He will not leave us in the dark. He is the promise we have waited for. The cry of ev'ry searching heart. **Chorus** 

Come, lift him high. Behold the Savior. Come, lift him high. Behold the Savior.

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God sends us out with his blessing

# BENEDICTION

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God! Alleluia!