

SAINT DAVID'S



CHURCH

The Lord's Day

December 18th AD 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Good News of Great
Joy

*Hymn of Preparation ~ *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* ~ Page 241

***Call to Worship** ~ Joshua 5:13-15

*Pastor: We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth!

The eyes of all look to you,

And you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand,

You satisfy the desire of every living thing!

*Hymn ~ *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ~ Page 227

Confession of Sin

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity.

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 51 *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* ~ Page 415

Our Father in Heaven, we bow before you shamefaced and convicted because of our sin. For we, like your people of old, have relaxed and refused to render to you our full measure of devotion and worship, and we have failed to serve our neighbors and love them as ourselves. We have allowed the sins and the idolatries of our culture to sweep us away in its current.

We have become materialistic and greedy, thinking the work of our hands to be more productive than the fruitfulness of faithful living. We have not grieved over injustice and oppression and abuse of power unless we ourselves are their objects. We are easily seduced by

entertainment and vain things while putting off our prayer to you and our study of your word. We have not loved your name or reputation as we love our own names and reputations. Surely our silver has become dross and our wine mixed with water. Surely we have neglected your favor, which is valuable beyond price, and traded it for a heap of refuse.

Father, we confess all of this today, that we are idolaters and lovers of self and senses more than lovers of God. Forgive us and wash us, O God, and make these scarlet sins as white as snow. Give us new hearts that love you supremely, for you are worthy and your commandments are just and true and lovely. We come in the name of him who now intercedes for us, even Jesus Christ the Righteous. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Lift up your hearts!

**We are lifting them up to the Lord.*

*Let us render thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is proper and right to do so.*

*Surely it is proper and right that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God. Therefore, with the angels and the archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

**Gloria in Excelsis Page 396 (Precentor starts alone)*

Hymn ~ *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* ~ Page 234

***The Old Testament Reading** ~ Isaiah 9:1-7

Pastor: This is the Word of God!

Thanks be to God.

***The Epistle Reading** ~ Galations 4:4-7

Pastor: This is the Word of God!

Thanks be to God.

***Psalm 98:1-4**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

*His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.*

The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the
sight of the nations.

*He has remembered his steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel.*

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

***The Gospel Reading ~ Luke 2:1-21**

***Pastor: This is the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus!**

Praise be to you, O Christ!

*** Corporate Confession of Faith**

(The Nicene Creed from the Council of Nicea –AD 325)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the virgin, Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church; acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon ~ Incarnate Word ~

***Hymn ~ Joy to the World, The Lord is Come ~ Page 240**

*** Prayer for Our Tithes and Offerings**

*** Gloria Patri**

Let us pray for the whole church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

Save and defend your catholic church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Give it pastors and ministers according to your spirit, and strengthen it through the Word and sacraments. Make it perfect in love and good works, and establish it in the faith once delivered to the saints. Sanctify and unite your people in all the world, that one holy church may bear witness to you, the God and Father of all. Amen.

Let us pray for all those in authority that we may live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty:

O merciful Father in heaven, because you hold in your hand all the might of man and because you have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in the nations of the world, we humbly pray you to regard your servants, especially the President and Congress of the United States, the Governor of Texas, and all those who administer, and judge our laws, that all who receive the sword as your ministers may bear it according to your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for our Christian families, that our Lord God would grant us the grace and mercy to establish Christian homes equipped to nurture God's people.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you set the solitary in families; we commend to your continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beg you, every root of bitterness, the desire of vain-glory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh; turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we be evermore kindly affectioned with brotherly love. And grant those who must act as both father and mother special grace to rear their children in godliness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for those who are in any way afflicted, oppressed, or troubled in body or soul:

God of mercies, we pray that you would comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or

adversity. Have mercy upon those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow or mourning. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. And to all your people grant a message of your love, taking them into your tender care, especially those we name in our hearts before you now (silent prayer). Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Pastor: Therefore we proclaim the Faith.

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to the Lord!

Hymn ~ *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ~ Page 243

*** Doxology**

**Nunc Dimittis* Page 425

*Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Congregation: Amen

**Please Stand*

Prayer Requests

The Sick

Brook Lee	Jonah Grieser	Jean Brainerd
Lenny Ryan	Mike Quattrini	Shonda Parker
Dorie Penney	Neal Benedict	Kerman Franklin
Stacy Cook	WC Treadway	Jason Farley
Kathy Cook	Jim Hafemeister	Brittany Gernand
Dan Dillard	Natalie Alders	Shirley Anderson
Sadie Bryant	Joey Sapp	Lisa Pitzer
Paul Petritis	David Fergon	Mark Crowder
Andria Sowell	Juliet San Nicolas	Carina Kracko

Other Needs

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Trinity Evangelical Church, Larwell, Indiana, and her pastors Nate Harlan and Tim Bushong; First Baptist Church of Tomball, TX and her pastor James Clark.

Clean-up Ministry for December ~ Team Brown

Announcements

December 17 – Winter Ball

January 1 - Unction