

INCLUDES ENLARGED HYMNS

the sit-tights



Learn to wait with the Messiah



**AN ADVENT
SERMON SERIES**

BEVERLY HEIGHTS UNITED

Welcome and Greeting

Mr. Peter Chace

Announcements

Amy Lucas, Administrative Assistant

THE LORD GATHERS US FOR ADVENT WORSHIP

Prelude

Double Flute Sonata in E minor, TWV 42: e2, Movement I
Cindy Egeland and Elise Parrish, *flutes*; Jinna Park, *Accompanist and Organist*

Telemann

The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum. Please refrain from clapping unless led to do so.

Invitation to Worship

Dr. Kyle Bennett

Leader: Come, let us worship the LORD!

People: We lift our hearts as we wait for Him.

Prayer of Invocation

* Opening Hymn of Praise **No. 18**

vv. 1-4

You Holy Angels Bright

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

* Congregational Response **No. 18**

vv. 5-7

You Holy Angels Bright

THE LORD CLEANSSES OUR SIN

Unison Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from Your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Following the saintly fathers, we all with one voice teach the confession
of one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ:
the same perfect in divinity and perfect in humanity,
the same truly God and truly man, of a rational soul and a body;
consubstantial with the Father as regards His divinity,
and the same consubstantial with us as regards His humanity;
like us in all respects except for sin;
begotten before the ages from the Father as regards His divinity,
and in the last days the same for us and for our salvation
from Mary, the virgin God-bearer, as regards His humanity;
one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only-begotten,
acknowledged in two natures which undergo no confusion,
no change, no division, no separation;
at no point was the difference between the natures taken away through the union,
but rather the property of both natures is preserved and
comes together into a single person and a single subsistent being;
He is not parted or divided into two persons,
but is one and the same only-begotten Son, God, Word, Lord Jesus Christ,
just as the prophets taught from the beginning about Him,
and as the Lord Jesus Christ Himself instructed us,
and as the creed of the fathers handed it down to us.

THE LORD SANCTIFIES OUR LIVES

* Advent Litany

Leader: Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and shield.

People: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

Leader: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

* Advent Hymn **No. 198**

vv. 1-4

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

During the final verse, all children are invited to bring their bulletin and come to the front of the Chancel.

Learning the Sit-Tights: an Advent Lesson for Children

Advent Countdown

* Responsive Hymn *See next page*

v. 3

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;

by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.

Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;

this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.

We are wait - ing, we are wait - ing, we are wait - ing for You. We are wait - ing, we are

wait - ing, we are wait - ing for You. We are wait - ing, we are wait - ing, we are wait - ing for You.

Special Music

Double Flute Sonata in E minor, BWV 42: e2, Movement III
Cindy Egeland and Elise Parrish, *flutes*; Jinna Park, *piano*

Telemann

* Congregational Response

Advent Doxology
Congregation sings twice.

Boswell

**Glory in the highest heaven
To the Father and the Son
And the Spirit He has given
Hallowed be the Three-in-One.**

*Children ages kindergarten and younger are dismissed to the Nursery, Walkabouts Room or Runabouts Room.
All other children remain in worship with their families.*

* Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-13

Sermon

Sit-Tights: Learning to Wait with the Messiah
Sitting on the Mountain

Dr. Kyle Bennett

THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

Call for the Offering and Offertory

Away in a Manger

arr. Kirkpatrick

* Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen **No. 740**

Trinity Hymnal

THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

* Closing Hymn **No. 198**

vv. 5, 6

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

* Dismissal

* Postlude

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Wade

You Holy Angels Bright

Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Ps. 148:2

1. You ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
 2. You bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race, and
 3. All na - tions of the earth, ex - tol the world's great King; with
 4. Sing forth Je - ho - vah's praise, you saints, that on him call! Him

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
 now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sav - ior's face; God's prais - es
 mel - o - dy and mirth his glo - rious prais - es sing; for he still
 mag - ni - fy al - ways, his ho - ly church - es all! In him re -

song, for else the theme too high does seem for mor - tal tongue.
 sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light you do a - bound.
 reigns, and will bring low the proud - est foe that him dis - dains.
 joice, and there pro - claim his ho - ly name with sound - ing voice.

5. My soul, bear now your part,
 triumph in God above;
 with a well-tun-ed heart
 sing now the songs of love;
 you are his own, whose precious blood
 shed for your good his love made known.

7. With your triumphant flock
 then I shall numbered be;
 built on th'eternal Rock,
 his glory we shall see.
 The heav'ns so high with praise shall ring
 and all shall sing in harmony.

6. Away, distrustful care!
 I have your promise, Lord;
 to banish all despair,
 I have your oath and word;
 and therefore I shall see your face
 and there your grace shall magnify.

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

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Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
 2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot
 3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
 4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is
 Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for

draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
 my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!
 Let me thy inner presence feel;
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
 Let new and nobler life begin!
 Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
 until the glorious crown be won.

THIS WEEK AT BEVERLY HEIGHTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 AM Christian Education for all ages
10:00 AM Worship Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
4:30 PM First Song, New Song,
Youth and Tone Chimes Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
10:00 AM Ladies' Tea and
Ornament Exchange

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00 AM Christian Education for all ages
10:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Early Candlelight Service
9:00 PM Late Candlelight Service

Reminder: Special Meeting of the Congregation

Please note that immediately following the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday, February 4, 2024, the congregational meeting from October 29 will resume and the congregation will vote on Session's request for dismissal from the EPC.

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