### Includes Enlarged Hymns

# Servant Songs

#### AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES



# Beverly Heights United

#### Welcome and Greeting

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor

Amy Lucas, Administrative Assistant

#### THE LORD GATHERS US FOR ADVENT WORSHIP

Prelude

Angels We Have Heard on High Jinna Park, Accompanist and Organist

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.** 

Call to Worship

Leader: Behold the coming kingdom of our father David!

#### People: Glory in the Highest!

| Orchestral Introit              | The First Noel                                     | arr. J. Cranfill                |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|                                 | Beverly Heights Orchestra; Chad Winkler, conductor |                                 |
| Prayer of Invocation            |  |                                 |
| Opening Hymn of Praise No. 218  | vv. 1-3  | Angels From the Realms of Glory |
| Old Testament Lesson            | Psalm 148:1-14                                     | Mr. Peter A. Chace              |
| Congregational Response No. 218 | vv. 4, 5   | Angels From the Realms of Glory |
|                                 |  |                                 |

#### THE LORD CLEANSES OUR SIN

Unison Confession of Sin, Followed by Silent Confession

Please bow your head. For those who are able, you are invited to kneel during the confession of sin.

O Lord, as long as I am apart from You, I am self-satisfied, because I have no standard by which to measure my low stature. But when I come near to You, there for the first time I see myself. In Your light, I behold my darkness. In Your purity, I behold my corruption. My very confession of sin is the fruit of holiness. Oh! Divine Man, let me gaze on You more and more until, in the vision of Your brightness, I loathe the sight of my impurity, until in the blaze of that glory which human eye has not seen, I fall prostrate, blinded, broken, to rise again a new man in You. Amen.

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REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7. Henry Smart, 1867

James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

Unison Confession of Faith

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

Dr. Kyle David Bennett

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. 197

vv. 1-4

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Children are invited to the South Transept during the last verse of the hymn.

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Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Is. 40:1, 2



Johannes Olearius, 1671 Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863 THIRSTING 8.7.8.7.7.7.8.8. Louis Bourgeois, 1551 Arr. by Henry A. Bruinsma; alt. 1990

#### The Lighting of the Advent Star and Advent Countdown

Congregational Response

Advent Doxology

Boswell



Angels We Have Heard On High Beverly Heights Orchestra

arr. J. Cranfill

Congregational Response No. 731



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

Luke 2:8-14

Pastor Devlin

Sermon

Scripture Reading

**Servant Songs** The Angel's Song

#### THE LORD RECEIVES OUR GIFTS AND HEARTS

#### THE LORD MEETS US AT THE TABLE

Words of Institution and Examination of Conscience (\*See below)

Invitation and Coming to the Table

Please note: we will eat together in the pew. Those who are unable to come to the table will be served in the pew. The Elders are serving bread and wine. To better serve those with restrictions, please see Pastor Devlin for gluten-free bread and/or grape juice.

Communion Hymn

Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by the Threefold Amen No. 740

Trinity Hymnal

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



#### THE LORD SCATTERS US TO ADVANCE HIS KINGDOM

Closing Hymn No. 301

vv. 1, 2

Join All the Glorious Names

Benediction

Postlude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prichard

#### \*May I Come to the Lord's Table?

All true believers who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including those from other congregations, are a part of the true Church and are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. As we come to the table we rejoice as we remember our need to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord, to repent of sin, and to covenant once more to live as followers of Jesus. Those who are ignorant in their knowledge of Christ or who are living ungodly and unrepentant lives should refrain from the table. Baptized children may be admitted to the Lord's Supper provided their parents have appeared before the Pastor or Session to share their child's profession of faith, in a manner acceptable to the Session.

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#### Join All the Glorious Names

God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name. Phil. 2:9



DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8. John Darwall, 1770

Isaac Watts, 1707

# <u>Sermon Notes</u>

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| Servant Songs<br>An Advent Sermon Series |                         |              |
|--|-------------------------|--------------|
| December 1, 2024                         | Mary's Song             | Luke 1:46-55 |
| December 8, 2024                         | Zechariah's Song        | Luke 1:68-79 |
| December 15, 2024                        | The Angel's Song        | Luke 2:14    |
| December 22, 2024                        | Simeon's Song           | Luke 2:22-33 |
| December 29, 2024                        | John the Baptist's Song | Luke 3:4-6   |
| January 5, 2025                          | Jesus' Song             | Luke 4:16-21 |

#### This Week at Beverly Heights

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

| 9:00 AM  | Christian Ed for All Ages |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 10:00 AM | Worship Service           |

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Church Offices Closed

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 8:00 AM Men's Study Group
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 4:30 PM First Song/New Song/ Tone Chimes Rehearsal

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

| 4:00 PM | Prayer Team Meeting   |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 7:15 PM | Adult Choir Rehearsal |

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:30 PM BHCA Christmas Musical

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

| 9:00 AM  | Christian Ed for All Ages |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 10:00 AM | Worship Service           |
| 6:00 PM  | Food and Fellowship       |
| 7:00 PM  | Congregational Carol Sing |

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