

ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022
BAPTISM/EPIPHANY 1

Welcome from ASPC

WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

- Welcome to our visitors!
- The Lord's Supper- always invited, never mandated
- The morning hymn

SONG OF PRAISE
O COME LET US ADORE HIM

O come let us adore Him
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O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

For He alone is worthy
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Christ the Lord!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, you who have expectations

People: We come bringing our questions

Leader: Come, you who wish to be known

People: We come bearing our true selves

Leader: Come to the place where God is...

People: Come let us worship the God who still speaks!

OPENING HYMN: THE COMFORTER HAS COME

TEXT: FRANK BOTTOME – MUSIC: WILLIAM J. KIRKPATRICK
RECORDED: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

**Oh, spread the tidings 'round, [where people are found]
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound;
Let every Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound:
The Comforter has come!**

**The long, long night is past, the morning breaks at last,
And hushed the dreadful wail and fury of the blast,
As o'er the golden hills the day advances fast!
The Comforter has come!**

Refrain:

**The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!
The Holy Ghost from Heav'n, the Father's promise giv'n;
Oh, spread the tidings 'round [**where people are found**]
The Comforter has come!**

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**Lo, the great King of kings, with healing in His wings,
To every captive soul a full deliv'rance brings;
And through the vacant cells the song of triumph rings;
The Comforter has come!**

**O boundless love divine! How shall this tongue of mine
To wond'ring mortals tell the matchless grace divine—
That I, a child of hell, should in His image shine!
The Comforter has come!**

Refrain:

**The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!
The Holy Ghost from Heav'n, the Father's promise giv'n;
Oh, spread the tidings 'round [**where people are found**]
The Comforter has come!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy One, we confess that we live at times as if You are far away. We live at times as if You are above us, distant in a cloud. We have forgotten the humanness of Your life, that You were born as vulnerable and messy as us. You were baptized as we were baptized, in water from this earth You created. You called forth followers who were Your friends. Remind us to invite You into the mess of our lives, O God, for You have lived it and experienced it. You know what it is like to be rejected by family, to be feared, to be forgotten, and to be loved and accepted and cared for. Remind us that You are very near to us, not only in Spirit, but in experience. You know us. You know our hearts. You know our lives. May we rejoice and celebrate that You are dear to us, and we are dear to You.

A moment for silent reflection and confession

Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen

All: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

3:15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

THE LORD'S SUPPER



The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up the Lord

Let us give thanks

It is right to give God thanks and praise

PRAYERS THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD/COMMUNION MUSIC
COME TO THE TABLE OF GRACE (BARBARA HAMM, COMPOSER)
WELCOME INTO THIS PLACE (ORLANDO JAUREZ, COMPOSER)
MARKUS BEAM, JANINE KIAH, ANDREW LAWSON AND CRYSTAL CHARLES, SOLOISTS. RECORDED 07.01.2018

Come to the table of grace (2x)
This is God's table it's not yours or mine;
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of love (2x)
This is God's table it's not yours or mine;
Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of peace (2x)
This is God's table it's not yours or mine;
Come to the table of peace

Welcome into this place
Welcome into this broken vessel
We desire to abide
in the presence of Your glory
As we lift our hands,
and we lift our hearts
As we offer up
these praises to Your name

AN INVITATION AND A BLESSING

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