

# THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

SANCTUARY ~ FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 27, 2020

"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must  
worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24

**Preparation** (5:15-5:30 p.m.)

+ *Announcements*

**Praise**

*Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise*

+\* *Hymnal* - #215 "While by the Sheep We Watched at Night"

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**Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanksgiving**

\* *Reading of the Law of God*

And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

- I. **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**
- II. **Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,**  
or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- III. **Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain;**  
for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.
- IV. **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**  
Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- V. **Honor thy father and thy mother:**  
that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- VI. **Thou shalt not kill.\***
- VII. **Thou shalt not commit adultery.**
- VIII. **Thou shalt not steal.**
- IX. **Thou shalt not bear false witness**  
against thy neighbor.
- X. **Thou shalt not covet**  
thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor any thing that is thy *neighbor's*. (Exodus 20:1-17)

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how he saith: **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)**

\* The 6th Commandment forbids not all forms of killing, but specifically unjust killing, that is, *murder*.

*Prayer of Confession*

*Assurance of Pardon*

***Affirmation of Faith*** - The Westminster Creed, Part I (based on the *Shorter Catechism*)

- I believe man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever;
- I believe that the word of God, contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule given to direct us, how to glorify and enjoy God.
- I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth;
- I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory;
- I believe God's purpose is eternal, having foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

**Provision for Life and Growth**

***Scripture Reading*** - Exodus 4 (4<sup>th</sup> reading)

***Prayer of Intercession***

\* ***Psalter*** - Psalm 116

Pilgrims

\* ***Prayer of Illumination***

***Scripture & Sermon*** - Matthew 6:16-18

Mr. Shaw

**"HOW TO FAST"**

<sup>16</sup> "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

**Thanksgiving and Blessing**

\* ***Hymnal*** - #199 "See, amid the Winter's Snow"

See Amid the Winter's Snow

\* ***Benediction***

## While by the Sheep We Watched at Night

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Is. 12:3

1. While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tid - ings brought an  
 2. There shall be born, so he did say, in Beth - le - hem a  
 3. There shall the child lie in a stall, this child who shall re -  
 4. This gift of God we'll cher - ish well, that ev - er joy our

*f* REFRAIN *P* echo  
 an - gel bright.  
 child to day. How great our joy! Great our joy!  
 deem us all. hearts shall fill.

*f* *P* echo *f*  
 Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in

*echo*  
 heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

# Psalm 116

1. <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, be-cause He hears my plead-ing. <sup>2</sup>He's heed-ed me; through  
 2. <sup>5</sup>The LORD our God is mer-ci-ful and right-eous; <sup>6</sup>Gra-cious, the LORD the  
 3. You saved my eyes from tears, my feet from stum-bling. <sup>9</sup>Be-fore the LORD I'll  
 4. <sup>13</sup>Sal-va-tion's cup I'll lift up in the LORD's name, <sup>14</sup>Vows to the LORD be-  
 5. <sup>17</sup>To you I'll bring my off-ring of thanks-gi-ving; With sac-ri-fice I'll

life I'll call on Him. <sup>3</sup>The cords of death and She-ol's ter-rors bound me;  
 sim-ple ones pre-serves. When I was low, to me He gave sal-va-tion.  
 walk in lands of life. <sup>10</sup>I have be-lieved and said, "I am af-flic-ted."  
 fore His peo-ple pay. <sup>15</sup>Ob-served by Him and pre-cious in the LORD's sight  
 call up-on the LORD. <sup>18</sup>I'll pay the vows I made un-to Je-ho-va-h

In deep dis-tress I grief and trou-ble found. <sup>4</sup>Then on the LORD's name  
<sup>7</sup>Turn back a-gain, my soul, un-to your rest, <sup>8</sup>Be-cause the LORD has  
<sup>11</sup>I in des-pair con-fessed, "All men are false!" <sup>12</sup>What shall I ren-der  
 Ap-pears the death of all His saints each one. <sup>16</sup>O LORD, I am Your  
 Be-fore His peo-ple all, O may it be! <sup>19</sup>With-in His courts, the

in prayer I called: "You I im-plore, O LORD, de-li-ver my soul!"  
 dealt well with you, Be-cause my help-less soul You res-cued from death.  
 now to the LORD For all His be-ne-fits up-on me be-stowed?  
 ser-vant, Your slave. I am Your hand-maid's son, for You set me free.  
 house of the LORD, In midst of you, Je-ru-sa-lem! Praise the LORD!

## See, amid the Winter's Snow

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ... being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself. Phil. 2:5, 8

1. See, a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low,  
 2. Lo, with - in a man - ger lies he who built the star - ry skies:  
 3. Say, ye ho - ly shep - herds, say — what's your joy - ful news to - day?  
 4. "As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a won-drous light;

see the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.  
 he who, throned in height sub - lime, sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.  
 Where - fore have ye left your sheep on the lone - ly moun - tain steep?  
 an - gels sing - ing, 'Peace on earth,' told us of the Sav - ior's birth."

REFRAIN

Hail, thou ev - er - bless - ed morn! Hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!

Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

5. Sacred infant, all divine,  
 what a tender love was thine,  
 thus to come from highest bliss  
 down to such a world as this!

6. Teach, O teach us, holy child,  
 by thy face so meek and mild,  
 teach us to resemble thee,  
 in thy sweet humility.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OUR MINISTRY TODAY

### A.M. Sunday School

Adult Sunday School taught by Mr. Foster is accessible at [SermonAudio.com/ipcsav](http://SermonAudio.com/ipcsav). The title of the class is *Encounters With Jesus*. This week we will study "The Shadow of the Cross" (Mark 10:32-34).

Children (Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Sunday School materials provided to parents.

Middle School & High School are encouraged to participate in the Adult Sunday School taught by Mr. Foster.

**9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. – Morning Worship** (On-site and live-stream).

**4:00 P.M. - No Handbell Choir rehearsal**

**5:30 P.M. – Evening Worship** (On-site and live-stream). **No Evening meal will be served tonight.**

**Nursery** – (infants through 3-year-olds) will be available at the 9:00 a.m. service and 5:30 p.m. service. Reserve nursery care when you register for services.

### LIVE-STREAM PLATFORMS

SermonAudio [ipcs.ga/sawebcast](http://ipcs.ga/sawebcast)

Facebook [ipcs.ga/facebooklive](http://ipcs.ga/facebooklive)

YouTube [ipcs.ga/YouTube](http://ipcs.ga/YouTube)

Periscope [ipcs.ga/periscope](http://ipcs.ga/periscope)

### ON-LINE THIS WEEK

**Adult Meetings:** This week the following meetings are planned to take place on-line:

Tuesday, 6:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast (both on-site and ZOOM)

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

iPrimes Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only)

### ON-SITE THIS WEEK

**Men's Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast** – 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and also via ZOOM meeting.

**Wednesday Noon Service** – will not meet December 30.

**College Bible Study** – Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Carriage House.

**Wednesday Evening** – Sanctuary Choir will not rehearse on December 30.

**No Youth Choir**

**No Middle School/High School Youth Gatherings this week.**

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the celebration of *Joanne Johansen's birthday* by Paul, P.J., Tracy, Haley and Piper Johansen.

### YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions for 2020 need to be in the office by December 30, or postmarked by Thursday, December 31.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Thursday, December 31, and Friday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Eve and Day. It will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

We continue to maintain safe practices during the pandemic. Every reasonable step is taken to safeguard the well-being of all who attend our services:

- seating in every other pew
- pews wiped down between services
- alternate pews used between services
- hymnals and Bibles removed from the sanctuary
- expanded bulletins used for the entire order of worship
- Additional precautions are taken in connection with the nursery, the Sunday night fellowship suppers, the Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast, and other gatherings.

As always, those with pre-existing conditions or other vulnerabilities have access to our services "live" on-line, and after-the-fact at SermonAudio and YouTube.

Please be informed of the most recent Chatham County Emergency Order regarding Covid-19 as it relates to religious services ([www.chathamcountyga.gov](http://www.chathamcountyga.gov)).