

GATHERING

Prelude "Ave Maria klare (Fughette)" *Johann Casper Fischer*

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome, Announcements and Minute for Mission

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

Introit

"One Star"

Cheryl Jones

Chancel Bells, Todd Moore, conductor

***Responsive Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle:**

The Advent season anticipates what God is doing.

We re-light the first candle of Advent-the Prophet's Candle...a Candle of Hope.

Advent is a season of hope.

Today, we light the second candle of Advent... the Angel's Candle.

Advent is a season of peace.

Do you know what I know?

I know that someday the wolf will lie down with the lamb.

Do you know what I know?

I know that someday the earth will be filled with the knowledge of God.

Do you know what I know?

I know we prepare the way for the Prince of Peace.

Let us Worship God!

***Hymn #106**

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

BEREDENVAG FOR HERRAN

***Call to Confession and Unison Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we do not know life as You know it....

We do not know the full design and purpose of our days...

We do not know the hardships and trials of our neighbors...

We do not know the best path for ourselves or others to choose...

We know only in part.

And yet, so often we claim to know what only You know.

And sometimes our confidence is expressed with arrogance...

Teach us the way of humility this Advent.

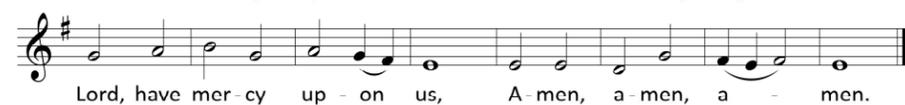
Teach us the way of the manger and the servant.

Forgive us and guide us toward the day when the earth shall be filled with

the knowledge of Your grace as the waters cover the sea...

-Silent Personal Confession-

***Kyrie**



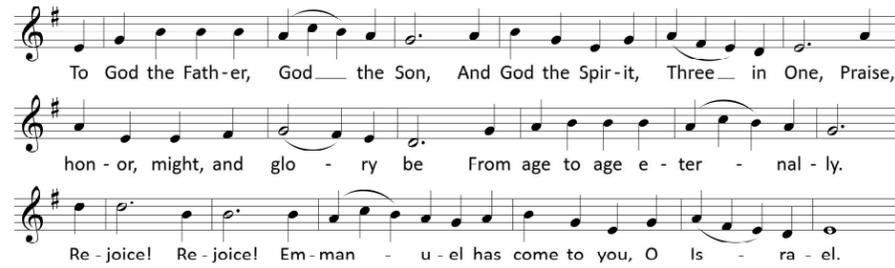
***Assurance of Pardon:**

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us, made us alive together with Christ.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**



***Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

As Christ shared His peace with us let us share Christ's peace with one another.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Time with Young Disciples and Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome and Institution

Prayer of Consecration and Profession of Faith

Declaration of Baptism

The Litany of Welcome

Pastor: This child is baptized into Jesus Christ. We welcome him as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Elder to the Congregation: Remembering our own baptism, do we the members of Northridge Church promise to love, nurture and support Cooper and his family as together we grow in Christ? If so answer, "we do."

Congregation: We do and we welcome you with joy and song!

Congregational Response"Welcome! Welcome to God's Family!" **WARD**

(The Cantor will sing through once and then the congregation will sing through twice.)



Presentation of Gifts and Certificates

The Promise, the Closing Prayer and the Benediction

(Following the Sacrament of Baptism all Children who are kindergarten age or younger are invited to go to extended care with Cynthia Petty)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Matthew 3:1-12 *(N. T. page 2)*

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Heppenstall

Do You Know What I Know?

The Anticipation of Advent

Text: "...but One who is more powerful than I is coming after me..." Matthew 3:11

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*** Hymn #347** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PICARDY

***Affirmation of Faith** *(Adapted from a Statement by Mark Lloyd Richardson)*

We believe in a loving God,

Who is life's breath for all of earth's creatures,

Who is the ground in which our lives flourish,

Who is the mystery toward which we are drawn.

We believe in the risen Christ,

Whose life is the way we see God made real,

Whose death bears witness to the power of love,

Whose presence nourishes our spirits each day.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

Who flows as a refreshing spring of life,

Who comes as divine fire to energize the faithful,

Who creates communities of peace, joy and justice.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Prayer

The Lord be with you...And also with you.

Lift up your hearts... We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer*(debts- page 35 in the hymnal)*

Offering

Offertory "The Shepherd's Song" *Cynthia Dobrinski*
Chancel Bells

***Doxology**



***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn # 93** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

***Charge and Benediction**

Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Many people at Northridge prefer to be seated to listen to the Closing Voluntary. If you need to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you.)

Closing Voluntary

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Virgil Fox

(* Indicates the Congregation will please stand as you are able.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NORTHRIDGE CHURCH!

We are blessed by your presence with us and pray that in a deep and abiding way the power and presence of the living God will touch your life as you are with us this morning. The Northridge sanctuary is a place set apart for Christian Worship. Please take a moment to turn off cell phones. Once the hour has chimed, we ask you to bring your conversations to a close and quietly seek God's presence. The *Personal Preparation on the front of the bulletin* is offered as a doorway for meaningful worship.

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

The Lay reader is Rick Halasz.

The Ushers are Sherri, Jack and Abby Munn and Monty Watson.

Lighting the Advent Wreath today: Heidi and Andrés Román.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for Cooper Laceky Ward. The proud parents are Cary Ward and Hannah Childers.

THIS WEEK AT NORTHRIDGE

Sunday, December 8

11:00 am Bethlehem Breakfast in Quillin Hall.

12:00pm The "Draft" meets in the Conference Room.

5:30 pm Youth Group meets in the Youth Suite.

Monday, December 8

1:30 pm Joyful Noise meets at CC Young

Tuesday, December 10

7:30 am Bible Study in the Conference Room.

10:00 am Morning Circle meets in Room 131.

1:30 pm Staff meeting in the Conference Room.

6:00 pm Officer Dinner at the home of Ken and Betsey Slack.

Wednesday, December 11

7 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

Friday, December 13

7:00 am Men's Breakfast at Chubby's on Northwest Highway

SERVING CHRIST AND YOU AT NORTHRIDGE

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December 8th - The Second Sunday of Advent

Bethlehem Brunch 11:00 in Quillin Hall following Worship

Everyone is Invited- No Sunday School classes today!

Pastor Heppenstall to Preach

Do You Know What I Know? The Anticipation of Advent

Text: "One who is more powerful than I is coming after me..."

Matthew 3:11

Youth Christmas Party Today!

5:30-7:30 in the Youth Suite

December 15th - The Third Sunday of Advent

A Service of Lessons and Carols

Pastor Heppenstall to Preach

Do You Hear What I Hear? The Celebration of Advent

Text: "...they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow

and sighing shall flee away." Isaiah 35:10

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT NORTHRIDGE



PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Somewhere in the darkness of this world let Thy light shine, O God, as the star once shone above the hidden hope of the world. Christmas is upon us, the Messiah is coming and though we be not wise, yet our hearts hunger for the sign of Thy grace, that led by its shining, humbled by its wonder, we may kneel with whatsoever gifts we have, and hear beyond the sounds of earth the angel anthems of a great joy for all who dwell in peace. Help us to wait and watch, to prepare ourselves for the hour of departure when we must leave our accustomed ways, and boldly with courage set out for a new country, a land whose King is a helpless child, whose law is love, and whose life is the light of the world. Prepare our hearts to worship Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace.

(Adapted by RBH III from a prayer by Samuel H. Miller)

OUR MISSION

Northridge Presbyterian Church responds to God's grace as revealed in Holy Scripture and in the living example of Jesus Christ. Through worship, teaching, service, and fellowship we demonstrate the good news of the Bible and minister to the spiritual and physical needs of others. We recognize a responsibility beyond ourselves to live and serve with love, and to seek peace and justice in God's world.