

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

4th Advent Candle Lighting - Micah 5:2-5

## **SONG** COME THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear O'er the hills the angels singing, joyful tidings of a birth "Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth!"

Comes to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone By Thine own sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne

Come, Messiah, come!

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Isaiah 52:7-9

# SONG KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope without light Till from heaven You came humbly, there was mercy in Your eyes To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, three in one God of glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that He rose, when our Lord regained His breath Then the stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come, to the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame Now this gospel truth of old, shall not kneel, shall not faint By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me

## SONG CROWN HIM

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns, all music but its own Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for me And hail Him as the matchless King, throughout eternity Oh crown Him, crown Him, Jesus, the Lord of life, the Lord of love, the Lord of all!

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die Oh crown Him, crown Him, Jesus, the Word made flesh defeated death, when He rose The Crucified is seated high, upon His throne, upon His throne!

Crown Him the Lord of light, who humbly came to earth And broke the chains of sin and shame, and one day shall return! Creation groans for Him! With Christ, we long to be! Emmanuel shall come to dwell and reign eternally

Oh crown Him, crown Him, Jesus, in hope, we wait and we proclaim, "Messiah Come!"

## PROFESSION OF FAITH MAGNIFICAT - LUKE 1:46-55

We glorify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior. He is mindful of the humble and He scatters the proud. The Mighty One has done great things—holy is His name. His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with His arm; He has brought down rulers from their thrones, but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things, but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped His servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever.

# **ADVENT TESTIMONY**

# SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:57-64, 68-79

## PREACHING OF THE WORD

## COMMUNION

## GIVING

We desire that generous giving would be both an act of worship and display of the grace we receive through Christ. You can place your offerings in one of the two boxes located up front, or there are alternate ways of giving listed on pg 8.

## **SONG** SONG OF ZECHARIAH (BENEDICTUS)

Blest be God, the Lord of Israel, He has come to set us free And a horn of full salvation, he has raised from David's seed God has visited his people, to redeem them as foretold In the promise he had spoken through the prophets from of old

God has come in might to save us from the hatred of our foes From their tyranny he frees us, and his tender mercy shows Mercy promised in the covenant, to our fathers whom he chose He will keep his oath to Abram to release us from our woes

God has sworn to grant deliverance, and restore us to our place Serving boldly in his presence, just and holy all our days His great mercy like the sunrise, brightly shines in deepest night He shall guide us, in our darkness in the way of peace and light

# SONG DOXOLOGY (ADVENT)

Praise God who came as infant low, to bear our flesh and grace bestow Born in a lowly manger stall, a child who shall redeem us all

To us a child is born today, Immanuel in flesh displayed To once for all His people save, rejoice, give thanks and praise His name

# SONG HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Hark the herald angels sing, "glory to the newborn King!

Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled"

Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies

With the angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a Virgin's womb Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace, hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

#### **GOSPEL COMMUNITIES**

Church is a family. A Gospel Community (GC) is a place where you can experience that reality. We extend grace, speak truth, deal with conflict, meet needs, and invite others in. Our groups meet throughout the week and across the city. You can message leaders directly or email **gc@providenceaustin.com** for help figuring out which GC would be a good fit for you.

## CENTRAL

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#### **EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS**

Here is what is coming up in the life of our church ...

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | Friday, December 24th @ 5pm

Our Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00pm at University Avenue Church of Christ (here). As usual, it will be a slightly shorter service than our normal Sunday gathering, and we will NOT be providing childcare. Please bring your kids with you to the service and invite your extended family and friends to join us.a

# MEN'S AND WOMEN'S LUKE STUDIES | 6:30-8:00am 900 S MoPac Expy

We will be continuing our preaching series in Luke in January, so for four weeks next month we are hosting men's and women's Bible studies going through a few chapters of Luke's Gospel. Both studies will be at Park Hills Baptist Church (900 S MoPac Expy) from 6:30-8:00am. Women will meet on Tuesdays (starting January 11); men on Wednesdays (starting January 12). This will be a great opportunity to get to know other people in our church, while exploring these great chapters. It's only a few weeks away, so get signed up online!

Men - www.providenceaustin.com/MENSTUDY
Women-www.providenceaustin.com/WOMENSTUDY

## WAYS TO GIVE

We desire that generous giving would be both an act of worship and display of the grace we receive through Christ. There are several ways to give financially to the mission of God through Providence Church:

- 1. You can place your cash and/or check donations in one of the two offering boxes located at the front of the sanctuary.
- 2. You can setup automatic withdraw from your bank account. Go to www. providenceaustin.com/give for more info on giving online.
- 3. You can donate stock: Email donations@providenceaustin.com.

#### CONNECT

If you would like to receive weekly communication or talk to someone about how to get more involved in our church, please fill out your contact info, detach the below portion, and place it in one of the offering boxes up front. You can also fill it out digitally by scanning the QR code below.

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