


CAHABA SPRINGS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Service for the Lord's Day

November 27, 2022

David Lyons, PC USA – CRE

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand, as you are able*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome to Worship

Karen Rainwater

Prelude

From Highest Heaven, I Come
"Von Himmel hoch, da komm ich her"

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

***Call to Worship**

One:	Hope is gravity for the broken -	Karen Rainwater
All:	Pulling us up.	
One:	Hope is manna in the wilderness	
All:	When we want to give up.	
One:	Hope is seeing stars in the city	
All:	When we forget the sky is there.	
One:	Hope is the anthem of faith	
All:	And the reason we're here.	
One:	So, come to this place with your hopes and your fears,	
All:	For the God of new life is drawing near.	
All:	Let us worship our Holy God!	

***Hymn 82**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*** Invocation**

David Lyons

Lighting the First Candle of Advent

George and Margaret Fritsma

A Moment with the Children

Children may choose to go to Junior Church after Children's Sermon

CONFESSING TO GOD

Call to Confession

David Lyons

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
You paint a picture of a better world –
A world of peace and joy, of equality and grace.
But we turn our heads and close our eyes,
Afraid that you might want us to help.
You ask us to be brave, and we are complacent.
You ask us to speak out, but instead we stay quiet.
You ask us to listen, and we assure we are the experts.
You lead with love, and we wait on the side lines.
Forgive us for all the ways we are works in progress.
Fill our hearts with a hope that won't let go.
Gratefully we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

*** Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Karen Rainwater

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Instrumental Offering

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Joe Carter and Kay Carter, piano

arr. Joel Raney

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
O Come, O Bright and Morning Star, and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night and turn our darkness into light.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
O come, O King of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease and be Yourself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
to the Lord of heaven; grateful hearts are praising.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*** Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

The Master Hath Come
Traditional Welsh Melody

ASH GROVE

*** The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication**

David Lyons

Intercessory Prayers

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Karen Rainwater

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.

SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

* Hymn 694	<i>Great God of Every Blessing</i>	AURELIA
* Charge and Blessing		David Lyons
* Choral Benediction	<i>Three-fold Amen</i>	TRADITIONAL
* Postlude	<i>Toccata in A minor</i>	Jan Pieter Sweelinck



PRAYER CONCERNS

For our church family...

George McLean	Agnes Dauphinee	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie	Nellie Songer	Al Greenburg
Edward Giddens	Laura Reichert	Jean Camp	Carol Brown
Ed Swartz, Jr.	Cecile Floyd	Joan Lowery	Chuck Smith

For our extended family...

Lisa Kraymer Smith	Jennifer Lee	Stephen Hogger	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins	Webber Family	Leslie Speakman
Debbie Collins	Clay Charlton	Eleanor Garner	Donna Ford
Mac & Matthias	Ophelia Nichols	Ronnie Eades	Bobby Hogleund
Allison Solomon	Barry Parvin	Aaron Dailey	Cindi Wesley
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Heather Charlton	Susie Abbott
Laura Rainey	Joy Martin & family	Debbie Lambert	Rachel Justice
Lonnie Brown	Dan Southern	Perry Johnson	Bill Wester
Greg Fritsma			

Upcoming Pulpit Supply

December 4 th	Lessons and Carols
December 11 th	Ernie Haynes
December 18 th	deNay Kirkpatrick
December 24 th	deNay Kirkpatrick

November/December Happenings at Cahaba Springs

TEAM Food Collection – today. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville. Please remember those in need.

PW Monthly Luncheon & Bible Study – today immediately following worship. We will cover Lesson 3 of *Celebrating Sabbath* by Carol M. Bechtel led by Nancy Trull. Please bring a side or dessert; soup & chili will be provided.

Community Caroling & Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – today beginning at 4:30 PM on the Trussville Mall. We will invite children to “write letters to Santa” with the assistance of our own Mrs. Claus.

PHFC Decorating the Home for Christmas – Monday, November 28th. We will meet at Home Depot parking lot near Jim ‘N Nicks at 7:45 AM and returning sometime after lunch. This is an opportunity to join with groups from other churches to decorate the home for children, some of whom have never celebrated Christmas before.

Lessons and Carols – Sunday, December 4th at 11:00 AM.

Christmas Fellowship Luncheon – Sunday, December 4th immediately following worship. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert; meat will be provided.

First Tuesday Group Dinner – Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00 PM at El Patron in Trussville.

XYZ Christmas Luncheon – Tuesday, December 13th at 11:30 AM. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert; rotisserie chicken will be provided. Wear your festive attire and bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies for a cookie swap.

PW Monthly Luncheon & Bible Study – Sunday, December 18th immediately following worship. We will cover Lesson 4 of *Celebrating Sabbath* by Carol M. Bechtel led by Karen O’Brien.

Stated Session Meeting – Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30 PM.

Christmas Eve Service – Saturday, December 24th at noon.

Christmas Day Service – Sunday, December 25th at 11:00 AM.

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, December 27th at 5:30 PM. This month’s discussion led by Karen O’Brien will be on *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

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