


CAHABA SPRINGS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



Service for the Lord's Day

December 11, 2022

Ernie Haynes, 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

Cindy Brackenbury

Prelude

Advent Carillon

Rex Koury

***Call to Worship**

Leader: When the sun rises what shall we sing?

Cindy Brackenbury

People: "My soul magnifies the Lord."

Leader: And when chaos and violence echo on the scene?

People: "My soul magnifies the Lord."

For our God is a God of justice and peace.

People: "My soul magnifies the Lord."

So when all is wrong, or all is right,

People: "My soul magnifies the Lord. We will sing with joy and delight, of the God of justice and love and peace.

***Hymn 93**

Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

*** Invocation**

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Lighting the Third Candle of Advent

Joan Creighton and Liz Hughins

A Moment with the Children

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

CONFESSING TO GOD

Call to Confession

Ernie Haynes

Prayer of Confession

Leader: In front of God and this church, I confess - I am quick to complain, quick to criticize and conform. I am quick to forget, quick to doubt and deny. Instead of singing praise, I often stay silent.

People: **In front of God and this church, we confess – We are quick to complain, quick to criticize and conform. We are quick to forget, quick to doubt and deny. Instead of singing praise, we often stay silent.**

Leader: May the God of shepherds and kings, the God of starlight and new life, offer you grace and show you the way home.

All: **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

* **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

Cindy Brackenbury

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Anthem

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

Joseph Martin

Hope is like a candle burning in the night. Hope paints every shadow with its gentle light.
glowing like a promise till our faith is sight. Hope is like a candle in the night.

Peace is like sweet music sounding pure and strong, singing songs of comfort when the night is long.
Turning drums of hatred into heaven’s song, peace is like sweet music pure and strong.

Joy is like a flower blooming in the soul, sending forth its fragrance to heal and make us whole.
And when bitter winds are blowing, when birds refuse to sing, joy can turn our winter into spring.

Love is like a diamond wrapped in purest gold. Nothing is more precious, nothing bought or sold.
Pearl of heaven’s glory, wondrous to behold, love is like a diamond wrapped in gold.

Joy is like a flower, Peace is like sweet music, Hope is like a candle in the night.

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 1: 46-55

Sermon

Joy, Joy, Joy...Down in My Heart. Where?

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

The Nicene Creed

*** Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Tidings of Comfort and Joy
Variations on "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Lani Smith

* 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

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Intercessory Prayers

Prayers of the People and 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.

SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

* Hymn 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

* Charge and Blessing

Ernie Haynes

* Choral Benediction

Three-fold Amen

TRADITIONAL

* Postlude

Pastorale

Domenico Zipoli



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 Kraye 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	Greg Fritsma

Upcoming Pulpit Supply

December 18 th	deNay Kirkpatrick
December 24 th	deNay Kirkpatrick
December 25 th	Christmas Service

December Happenings at Cahaba Springs

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.

Year End Contributions

Per IRS regulations, hand delivered 2022 offerings must be received in the church office no later than 12/29/2022 in order to receive credit on your contribution statement for 2022. Mail-in offerings must be postmarked no later than 12/31/2022, regardless of the date on your check.

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