

December 2, 2018

Reverence

Salutation

Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:9, Rev J Kyle Parker

Song of Invocation

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Prayer of Invocation

Advent Reading

the Cummings Family

"Do not expect to master the Bible in a day, or a month, or a year. Rather expect often to be puzzled by its contents. It is not all equally clear. Great men of God often feel like absolute novices when they read the Word."

-- Geoffrey Thomas

Reconciliation

Scripture Call to Confession

Psalm 14:1-3, Emily Procto

Confession of Sin

Song of Confession

In Christ Alone

Vows of Membership for Olivia Reeves

Assurance of God's Grace

2 Corinthians 4:6-12, Paul Proctor

Song of Assurance

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Revelation

Prayers of the People

Jason and Erin Farley

Jude Doxology

Sermon

Luke 3:1-20, Gary Gardell

John The Baptist: Advent Man

"He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander"
-- Aristotle

"Throughout its history, when clear biblical understanding of the importance of the office of elder and its shepherding function has been absent or impaired, God's flock has suffered. On the other hand, when leaders have sought to care for the flock, it has prospered."
-- Timothy Witmer

3: 1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, 6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" 7 He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. 9 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." 10 And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" 11 And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." 12 Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" 13 And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." 14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." 15 As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, 16 John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. (continued on back)

Announcements

Men's Study & Prayer ...

Tuesdays @6:30A My Fresh Basket

Ladies' Study...

Wednesdays @9:30A & 7P

Colleigate & 20something Study...

Thursdays @7:30P Whitworth
120 Robinson Hall

Ladies' Cookie Exchange...

Saturday December 8th @10A

Sheri Olsen's Home
3505 East 62nd Ave

Bring a dozen to share with others!

CDPC Particularization Service...

Sunday December 9th @10:30A

Reception to follow the service ... plan on staying for fellowship!

Youth Christmas Party...

Saturday December 15th @ 7P

Everett Home
3316 W Eagles Nest Lane
Bring \$10 White Elephant gift

Purpose Statement

Coram Deo signifies "life in the presence of God." A relationship possible only by Jesus Christ's rescuing humanity through his gracious sacrifice. Christ's grace is evidenced in our ability to love God and man with:

- Convinced minds
- Cleansed hearts
- Captivated souls
- Committed hands

The community of Coram Deo desires to extend Christ to Spokane and equip the saints to serve.



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He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." 18 So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, 20 added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

1. *By serving on his mission*

2. *By standing for his truth*

3. *By preparing for his victorious return*

Response

Song of Response

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q 40-44, Abbey Farley

Tithes and Offering

Renewal

Lord's Supper

Invitation and Prayer

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26

Congregational Response

Distribution of the Elements

Hymn

What Child Is This?

Rest

Benediction

Relevance

Church Calendar - Advent Season

This week begins the church's historical observance of the advent season, or the season in which we are preparing for our celebration of the incarnation of God in human flesh. Since early in the church's history, advent has been observed with many different formal traditions. There are no specific biblical requirements that guide our worship during this season of the church calendar, but they are practiced to remind ourselves of the truth and wonder of the incarnation in our lives.

As we look back on how the church has historically observed the advent season, we are reminded that the advent of Christ had a double meaning for us to celebrate. The church fathers used the word adventus which is the Latin word used to translate the Greek term parousia, which is used throughout scripture to talk of the second coming of Christ. The incarnation aspect of advent has often taken priority in many church traditions, however, historically, the church would also use this as a time to look forward to the second coming of Christ. Advent, then, is a time not only to remind ourselves that God came and entered into the world in human flesh to deal with sin, but to remember that he will come again. Our celebration in the advent is a perfect picture of what is often referred to as the already and not yet. Christ has already come, yet we must wait faithfully and guard ourselves from error, being prepared for a long wait so we do not fall asleep like the five foolish virgins (Matt 25:1-13).

The advent season is an important season for our church in a culture that wants to define truth that fits its own desires and have immediate results. We are learning to wait in our observance of advent with faithful obedience. This is a good time to decide how, with the church, you will celebrate advent in your home. As we celebrate the implications of the Incarnation, we are reminded and taught something about looking forward to the second coming of Christ.