

December 3, 2023

**Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending
Revelation 1:4-8**

*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome, Announcements

Susan Parker

Silent Prayer

PRAISE

*Call to Worship

Pastor Douglas: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor Douglas: As we enter this season of Advent, may the Love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with us all.

Congregation: Amen!

*Song

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Advent Reading

Reader 1: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep.

Reader 2: A wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light,"

Reader 3: and there was light. And God saw that the light was good.

Reader 4: God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

Congregation: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader 1: We light these candles as a sign of our waiting and hope for the coming Christ.

*Prayer of Confession

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the World. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 40:1-2

Pastor Douglas: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

RENEWAL

Pastoral Prayer 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.

*Offering

Doxology

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:9-14

Responsive Reading

Sermon Text

Revelation 1:4-8

Sermon

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"

The Lord's Supper

*Song

Jesus is Coming Again

*Benediction

*Dismissal: Church, where are you going?

We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory to God!

SERMON NOTES

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"
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I) Introduction - Why is Advent so Popular?

II) The Text - Revelation 1:7-8

A) Rev 1:7 - The Final Advent of Christ

B) Rev 1:8 - God Directs Human History

III) Application - **Lo! He Comes and It's Power to Shape Us.**

A) Christ Has Come - Through the first Advent.

B) Christ is Coming - Whenever the gospel is preached and people submit to Israel's Messiah (Psalm 2).

C) Christ is Coming Again - Whenever he appears at his last Advent.

IV) Closing - Preview of next week and the hymn "O' Come, O' Come, Emmanuel."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Preparations are going on for the Christmas Program: *Keeping Watch* (a Christmas story told through the eyes of the shepherds), featuring kids, youth, and the talents of many from our church.

The program is next **Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m.** at the **Courtyard by Marriott**, (1789 S. Eagle Rd., in Meridian).

Dinner will be included. There is no charge for this event. Please contact Jeanie Hoover, Ellen Combs or Alex Combs if you are interested in being part of the performing crew or if you would be interested in helping in other ways. Thanks!

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Donabeth Shaffer passed into the presence of the Lord on November 29, 2023. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. The service will be **Saturday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m.** at **Cloverdale Funeral Home:** 1200 N. Cloverdale Rd., Boise, ID, 83713.

CPW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: Saturday, December 16, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at **Life's Kitchen** (8574 W Fairview Ave, Boise). Sign up now at information table or call and leave a message. *Space is limited; \$16.00 per person, guests welcome. Must prepay by Dec. 10th.* Cash or check (payable to Dottie Barrons).

Come join the Women of Christmas Bible Study group and meet the real "Anna", one of the least known women in the Bible. Anna has much to share with each of us as she is introduced in this exclusive up close and personal interview.

Decorate yourself for Christmas and join in the holiday spirit with your Christian sisters as we finish out 2023. Park in the back parking lot. Enter the meeting room through the red door on the NE side of the building. (Life's Kitchen is not open to the public on this day.)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Come join the men's Bible study on **Thursday's at 8:00 a.m.** at the **Ministry Center**. Donuts are provided.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING: You are invited to join the weekly prayer meeting on **Friday's at Noon** at the **Ministry Center**. Hope to see you there!

LOCATIONS of UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

December 10: *Courtyard Marriott*

December 17: *Kleiner Center*

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING AND COMFORT:

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Pray this week for First Presbyterian Church of Davenport in Davenport, WA and their Pastor Rev. Dr. Joshua Hurd

MISSIONS: Please pray for the work and mission of Steve and Alison in Africa.

If you are visiting with us this week, please feel free to have your children, join our children's program, and visit with Pastor Douglas or email/call the church office if you have any questions.



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything." Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

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