

Sunday, December 6, 2009

Reflections

“Worship is the activity of the new life of the believer in which, recognizing the fullness of the Godhead as it is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ and His mighty redemptive acts, He seeks by the power of the Holy Spirit to render to the living God the glory, honor, and submission which are His due.” - Robert Rayburn

God's command to "pray without ceasing" is founded on the necessity we have of his grace to preserve the life of God in the soul, which can no more subsist one moment without it, than the body can without air. - John Wesley

Sunday Worship Service Participants

December 6

Greeter - Jonathan Claggett

Childcare Workers - Elizabeth Demeusy and Matt Oquist

Scripture Reading - Allison Wakefield

December 13

Greeter - Elizabeth Demeusy

Childcare Workers - Tiffany Brooks and Matthew Demeusy

Scripture Reading - April Claggett

December 20

Greeter - Janet Surprenant

Childcare Workers - Denise Kingsley and Jonathan Claggett

Scripture Reading - Jennifer Oquist

Service of Praise

Prelude

We invite you to prepare your heart for the worship of our God.

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 12:4-6

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

People: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

ALL: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

***Hymn of Praise**

Angels, From the Realms of Glory
Number 218 in Trinity Hymnal

***Prayer of Adoration**

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
See next page

**Congregation standing*

Call to Renewal

Confession of Sin

Almighty God,
you who shaped out of nothing all that is,
forgive us for returning empty-handed.
You who called forth light,
forgive our preference for the dark!
You who sent John to be a voice crying,
forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all!
Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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A Moment of Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 4:4-6

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

* +Hymn of Thanks

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Number 196 in Trinity Hymnal

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+Young children may be dismissed at this time.

Call to Commitment

Collection of Our Gifts to God and to His Church

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Scripture Reading

Luke 3:1-6 (ESV)

¹In 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, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As 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.

⁵Every 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,
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Prayer of Intercession

Sermon

The World Gets an Extreme Makeover Genesis 8 (ESV)

¹But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. ²The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, ³and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated, ⁴and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. ⁹But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. ¹¹And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

¹³In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶"Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth." ¹⁸So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. ¹⁹Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the

ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. ²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Sermon Outline

Biblical Text

God Remembers (Faithfulness)

Application

First, appreciate it.
Secondly, respond to it.

Biblical Text

210+ days in the Ark, ON DRY LAND.

Application

Psalm 37:3-7

Conclusion

***Hymn of Response**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Number 32 in Trinity Hymnal

**Congregation standing*

Service of Communion

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Guidelines for Reception of Communion

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, it is important that you carefully consider the claims of the gospel and the grace that is offered through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to talk with an elder of the church and spend this time now in prayer and meditation on the scriptures in the bulletin.

Scripture Verses for Those Not Communing

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

- Isaiah 53:4-6

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

- John 3:16-18

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

- John 14:6

Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 6:6-8, 22-23

***Confession of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism

Questions 35 and 36

Leader: What does it mean that Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary?

People: That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might become David's true descendant, like his brothers in every way except for sin.

Leader: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

People: He is our mediator, and with his innocence and perfect holiness he removes from God's sight my sin—mine since I was conceived.

***Song of Benediction**

Angels From the Realms of Glory (verse 5)

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All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship! Come and worship!
Worship Christ the newborn King!

***Benediction**

Announcements

(Please be seated)

**Congregation standing*

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Church of the Redeemer in Manchester, NH will hold its organizational service on Sunday, December 13 at 4 p.m. Location TBA. Please mark it on your calendars!

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, December 20, we will be gathering as a church family for a Christmas celebration. If you know of a location in the Nashua area where we could have a brief service followed by refreshments, please see Jason, Laura, or Jenn. Thanks!

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Prayer	Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	4 p.m.	Discipleship Explored	Eng Home
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Small Group	Claggett Home
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Small Group	Brooks Home

Budget Information:

Six Months Data June thru November 2009

Regular Giving	\$34,664.10
<i>(excl. Mercy Fund, Building Fund and Marvis Memorial)</i>	
Fund Raising	\$5,710.00
Total Giving (Income)	\$40,374.10
Actual Expenses (excl. Mercy Fund)	\$44,137.30
Budget	\$49,513.72
Shortfall to Expense (Income - Expense)	(\$3,763.20)
Shortfall to Budget (Income - Budget)	(\$9,139.62)

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