

DECEMBER 15, 2019

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**THE HIGH AND THE HOLY ONE DWELLS WITH  
THE CONTRITE AND THE LOWLY**

The Prelude *Advent Supplication*  
The Sanctuary Choir

Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray You, hear us when we call. When this old world drew on toward night, You came, but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, virgin mother mild. At Your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: all things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n shall call you Lord. To God Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Latin 9<sup>th</sup> century hymn, alt. John M. Neale, arr. H. Hopson  
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The Call to Worship Rev. Caleb Cangelosi

The Hymn No. 193 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

The Invocation Rev. Dean Williams

The Song *How Sweet the Day*

How sweet the day when Christ was born, when God Himself took human form. He came to wash our sins away, our death to die, our debt to pay.

How sweet the day when Hope appeared, the One who frees us from our fears. He came to break the power of sin, and give us power to follow Him.

*Oh sing for joy, lift up your voice! Let us sing for joy, the whole earth rejoice! Let us sing for joy to the Son, for Jesus our Savior has come!*

How sweet the day when Christ returns, we'll see the one for whom we yearn. Then we'll look full upon His face, our hearts will burst with songs of praise. *Chorus 2x.*

Words and music by Stephen Altrogge © 2006 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI 600485

The Scripture Reading **I John 4:7-21**  
Pew Bible Page 1023

The Offertory *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*  
The Men's Ensemble

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice; give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today, ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now. Christ is born today, Christ is born today! Good

Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice; now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door and man is blessed forevermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this! Good Christian men, rejoice with heart, and soul, and voice; now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one calls you all, to gain His everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save! Alleluia! Christ was born to save!

arr. by John F. Wilson © 1974 Hope Publishing

The Doxology *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be: all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

*Children ages 2-5 may come forward for the Children's Message.  
Afterward, those in the 2-4 year-old classes are dismissed to Church Time.*

The Hymn No. 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
Stanza 1

The Children's Message Rev. Cangelosi

The Hymn No. 196 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
Stanzas 2-4

The Intercessory Prayer Rev. Williams

The Scripture Reading **Matthew 1:18-25**  
Pew Bible Page 807

The Sermon Rev. Carl Kalberkamp

*God Bends Low, and So Must We!*

The Hymn of Response No. 216 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

The Benediction Rev. Kalberkamp

The Postlude *Adeste Fideles* arr. G. Young

"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him'."

~ Francis de Sales ~

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

We will celebrate advent tonight as the Cherub Choir presents *A Christmas Pageant* followed by a congregational hymn sing to be held in the Multi-Purpose Building.

*The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
by Ron and Robin Byrd in loving memory of Walter Byrd.*

**TO EVERYONE WHO VISITS WITH US THIS LORD'S DAY**, we welcome you sincerely and from the heart. Grace to you and peace from God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ.

**WELCOME PEAR ORCHARD'S NEWEST MEMBERS**

Joshua Beck 1227 Pin Oak Drive Apt. K-2 Flowood, MS 39232	Cheryl Berthelsen 127 Keltingham Court Ridgeland, MS 39157	Gregory & Allison Brenner 705 Welford Court Madison, MS 39110
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**WE ENCOURAGE YOUR YEAR-END SACRIFICIAL GIVING TO CHRIST'S CHURCH AS THE YEAR CLOSES:** A large portion of the church's contributions are received in the last 2 months of the year and are annually needed to end the year fiscally sound as a church. Please remember that your tithes and offerings must be received by December 31. Sacrificial giving to the General Fund and to Missions is deeply encouraged by all as we model our Savior whose gifts to us are eternally priceless. We are equipped to handle gifts of stock also. Please prayerfully make Christ's Church the recipient of your heartfelt and generous giving.

**OUR CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE** will be held on Tuesday, December 24, at 4:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Building. There is a nursery for children 2 years and under in the nursery building.

**CHRISTMAS EVE BENEVOLENCE OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED:** As always at this service we will receive an offering that goes exclusively to our Deacon's mercy fund which enables your officers to meet many needs throughout the year for families needing assistance, both inside and outside our congregation. Your sacrificial support of this offering enables us to display joyfully the loving and merciful diaconal heart of our Savior Jesus.

**OUR FIRST BAPTISM FOR THE NEW YEAR** will be January 19, 2020. Please call the church office if you would like to get on the schedule (601-956-3283).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN SAUCIER AND ALISON SCHMITZ** who were wed at POPC yesterday!

**NO EVENING WORSHIP OR MINISTRIES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22** It is our practice as a congregation, not to hold the evening service on the Sunday night closest to the Christmas Eve service or Christmas Day.

**COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS:** All college students and young adults are invited to join us for a time of fellowship together **tonight after Sunday evening worship** at the Van Hooser's home at 7:15 p.m. Dinner will be provided! Please join us again Wednesday, December 18, for our College and Young Adult Christmas Party! Wear your tacky Christmas attire and join us for food, trivia and fellowship at the Van Hooser's home (313 Autumn Crest Drive, Ridgeland, 39157).

**THE MOSES' BASKET TEAM** would like to thank you for your donations towards the Boys' Home Project in Ukraine. We are now sending \$3000 towards finishing the remaining transition homes. Thank you for supporting this wonderful project that ministers to orphans!

**NEW PORTE COCHERE COMING SOON!** Your officers have approved the final design and construction of the new covered north entrance. Steel fabrication for the columns and roof has been ordered. Steel fabrication takes a month or more so we anticipate the new structure to be started shortly after the new year.

**YOUNG MARRIEDS FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY!** On Thursday, December 19, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the home of Michael and Mary Hope Bryant (117 Firecrest Drive, Brandon). No child care will be provided. Sign up to come and bring a dessert or appetizer at [tinyurl.com/youngmarrieds](http://tinyurl.com/youngmarrieds).

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR JANUARY 12, 2020,** to review and approve the General fund and Mission budgets, and to vote on officer candidates. Elder candidates are Neil Barnes and Newell Simrall, and Deacon candidates are Walt Lucas, Parker Reece, Tim Barnes, and Allan Edgar. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary promptly at 10:00 am during the SS hour.

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IDEA!** Looking for a great Christmas gift? Purchase beautiful POPC cookbooks available for only \$13 each! Please visit [pearorchard.org/cookbook](http://pearorchard.org/cookbook) or you may contact Liz Taylor ([ltaylor@pearorchard.org](mailto:ltaylor@pearorchard.org)) for more information.

**55+ BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT BE MEETING DECEMBER 25 OR JANUARY 1.**

**THE MONDAY EVENING LADIES BIBLE STUDY** begins on January 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Jackie Shelt [1407 Belle Glade St, Jackson, 39211](http://1407 Belle Glade St, Jackson, 39211). We will study the book of Jonah using Tim Keller's *The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy*. Books are available on Amazon.com. To sign up or for more information, email Jackie at [jackieleeshelt@gmail.com](mailto:jackieleeshelt@gmail.com).

*We live to demonstrate to the world  
the magnificent beauty of Jesus Christ  
and the power of His life-transforming presence.*

**CHRIST COVENANT SCHOOL**

Christ Covenant School is the largest ministry of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. It is our goal to serve the Lord by partnering with believing parents in the Christ-centered education of their children from preschool through middle school. To learn more, please visit us online at [ccs.ms](http://ccs.ms) or call 601-978-2272.

**MINISTERS: THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

REV. CARL H. KALBERKAMP, JR. ~ SENIOR PASTOR

REV. CALEB G. CANGELOSI ~ ASSOCIATE PASTOR

REV. DEAN WILLIAMS ~ ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**PEAR ORCHARD WEEK**

<i>Sunday, December 15</i> <i>Shazam</i> and <i>Vittles</i> will resume in January	<i>Wednesday, December 18</i> 12 noon – 55+ Bible Study Lunch – Parlor 6:30 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir
<i>Monday, December 16</i> 6:30 p.m. – Session Meeting	<i>Thursday, December 19</i> 6:30 a.m. – Men's Prayer Breakfast
<i>Tuesday, December 17</i>	

**SESSION**

Adam Adcock (2021)	Phil Ethridge (2023)	Bill Hatcliff (2021)
Ken Haynes (2019)	Jack Haynie (2021)	Brad Ingram (2023)
John Kwasny (2019)	Jason Miller (2019)	Will Montgomery (2019)
Eddie Moran (2021)	Steve Morris (2023)	John Perritt (2019)
Rod Russ (2020)	John Slater (2023)	Ken Smith (2022)
Ben Sones (2022)	Craig Stockmeier (2022)	Rob Waltzer (2023)
Tom Young (2019)		

**DIACONATE**

Michael Bryant (2020)	Bobby Bullock (2019)	Rob Hembree (2019)
Michael Johnson (2022)	Ron McMaster (2019)	Jamie Murphy (2022)
Stephen Shelt (2020)	Greg Sprow (2020)	Austin Stewart (2022)
Charlie Upton (2022)	Matt Walker (2019)	Jack Wilson (2020)
Seth Winchester (2020)		

Laura Herbison – Prayer Requests ([pray@pearorchard.org](mailto:pray@pearorchard.org)) (601-213-8444)

**PEAR ORCHARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

Daniel Browne – Worship Team Leader	Adelle Johnson – Children's Ministry Assistant
Susie Cook – Organist	John Kwasny – Director of Discipleship Ministries
Daphne Clark – Sonbeams Director	Willie Lane – Day Porter
Jan Duran – Administrative Secretary	Edwin Lewis – Maintenance Director
Heatherly Edgar – Financial Administrator	Serena Lucas – Nursery Director
Rick Goodwin – Business Administrator	Scott Miller – Youth Ministry Assistant
Chris Hanson – Maintenance Assistant	Margaret Sprow – Music Director
Tammie Haynes – Women's Ministry Director	Dottie Stabler – Assistant Youth Director
Cathy Haynie – CCS Head of School	Liz Taylor – Media Communication Manager
Madeline Hogue – Youth Ministry Coordinator	Georgia Upshaw – Youth Ministry Coordinator
Wilson Van Hooser – Director of Youth Ministry	