

Sierra View Presbyterian Church Liturgy
Sunday, December 3, 2023

Welcome and Announcements - Dennis Ferris

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 126:1-3)

Pastor: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Congregation Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Pastor: then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**All: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad.**

Song of Adoration: Hymn #196- Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Brandon Edmonds

Song of Praise: Red Book #8- There Is a Redeemer

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #334- Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Profession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 31

Pastor: Q. Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

**Congregation: A. Because he has been ordained by God the Father
and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit
to be our chief prophet and teacher
who fully reveals to us
the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance;
our only high priest
who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body,
and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;
and our eternal king
who governs us by his Word and Spirit,
and who guards us and keeps us
in the freedom he has won for us.**

Advent Reading: John 1:1-14 - The Rowe Family

Confession of Sin (Psalm 143:1-8)

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

give ear to my pleas for mercy!

Congregation: In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Pastor: Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.

**Congregation: For the enemy has pursued my soul;
he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.**

Pastor: Therefore my spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is appalled.

**Congregation I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.**

Pastor: I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

**Congregation: Answer me quickly, O Lord!
My spirit fails!**

Pastor: Hide not your face from me,
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

**Congregation: Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,
for in you I trust.**

**All: Make me know the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.**

Assurance of Pardon: (Psalm 103:8-13)

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession: Rev. Ed Veldhuisen

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation: Hymn #211- God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Sermon: The Promise to Humanity: A Long Wait for a Glorious Hope

Scripture: Genesis 3

Outline:

- I. From Perfection to Transgression
- II. A Long, Cold, Lonely Winter
- III. A Wonderful Promise

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Song: Red Book #50- O How He Loves You and Me

Benediction