

# Lake Osborne

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 20, 2009  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Welcome to Lake Osborne Presbyterian Church

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;  
To all who mourn and long for comfort;  
To all who sin and need a Savior;  
To all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
And to whosoever would come –  
This church opens wide her doors and offers welcome  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are a church committed to welcoming all those who are interested in learning more about Jesus Christ. Our desire is to provide honest answers to honest questions, no matter where you are in the spiritual spectrum – those who are convinced, those who are confused, and those who are skeptical. We hope that our service will encourage and build up those who are believers as well as challenge and help those who are spiritually seeking.

As we move through the service please note that the texts in bold are meant to be said by the congregation. The \* symbol next to a heading indicates that those who are able should stand.

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## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

### ***Quotes for Reflection***

He assumed a human body, in order that in it death might once for all be destroyed, and that men might be renewed according to the Image [of God].

St. Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*

The crucial significance of the cradle at Bethlehem lies in its place in the sequence of steps down that led the Son of God to the cross of Calvary, and we do not understand it till we see it in that context.

J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

God is the compassionate God, who knows the agonies of his people, not only as the transcendent author of history, but as the immanent one who is with them here and now. In the incarnate Jesus, he draws yet nearer, to be “made like his brothers in every way,” in order to be “a merciful and faithful high priest.”

John Frame, *Doctrine of God*

### ***Prelude***

### ***Welcome and Announcements***

## CELEBRATING GOD’S GREATNESS

\***Call To Worship:** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* arr. Derric Johnson

\***Invocation**

\***Christmas Carol:** No. 207 – *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

## ***Advent Questions***

Leader: Why do we light the Advent candles?

**People: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life."**

Leader: What is the meaning of the fourth lighted candle?

**People: The fourth lighted candle represents the Angels who heralded the Good News of Light to a darkened world.**

Leader: Who were the Angels?

**People: The Angels were created by God to fill His heavenly court with the praise of His name. They devote themselves to serving God in heaven by delighting to do His will. God also uses them as messengers of his Good News to men and women on earth.**

Leader: What do the gospels say concerning the angels?

**People: Luke writes: "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."**

***Lighting of the Fourth Candle:*** The Angel Candle

***Affirmation of Faith:*** Colossians 1:15- 17, 19-20

**[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.**

## ***Advent Prayer***

Almighty God, you have given your Only-Begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## Christmas Carol: No. 162 – Of the Father's Love Begotten

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.  
Plainsong, 12th century



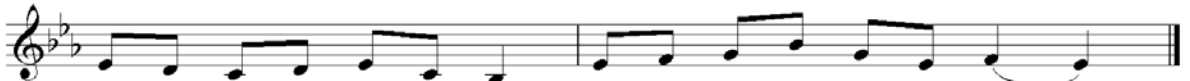
SOLO: 1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,  
WOMEN: 2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,  
MEN: 3. O ye heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;  
ALL: 4. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the Source, the End - ing he,  
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of our race;  
all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King;  
hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be,



of the things that are, that have been,  
and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er,  
let no tongue on earth be si - lent,  
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion,



and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
ev' - ry voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

## DEDICATING OUR LIVES

### *Dedication of Tithes and Offerings*

*Offertory: Sing We Noel* arr. Randy Vader and Jay Rouse

### *Prayer for Children's Church*

## ***Pastoral Prayer***

## **PREACHING HIS WORD**

**Scripture:** Hebrews 2:14-18

## ***Prayer for Understanding***

**Sermon:** He Was Made Man

## **CONFESSING OUR SINS**

## ***Prayer of Confession***

**Assurance of Pardon:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness." People of God: Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming we announce in this season, is our righteousness. In Christ, we are made right with God.

**\*Doxology:** No. 214 – Angels We Have Heard on High, refrain

Traditional French carol

GLORIA  
Traditional French melody

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glo - - - - - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!

## GOING FORTH TO SERVE

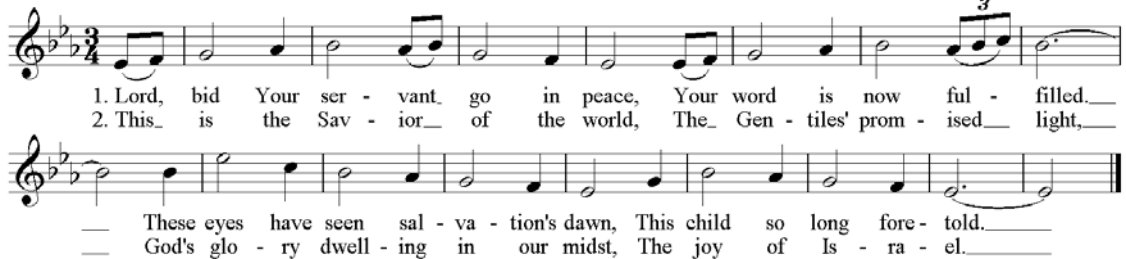
\***Carol:** No. 195 – *Joy to the World* (1, 2, 4)

\***Benediction**

\***Song of Dismissal:** Song of Simeon

Para. James Quinn (b. 1919)

ST. COLUMBA C.M.  
Old Irish hymn melody, alt. 1990



1. Lord, bid Your ser - vant, go in peace, Your word is now ful - filled.\_\_\_\_  
2. This is the Sav - ior of the world, The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light,\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ These eyes have seen sal - va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.\_\_\_\_

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\***Postlude**

### ABOUT ADVENT

Advent is a season of preparation. For centuries Christians have used the month prior to the celebration of Christ's incarnation to ready their hearts and their homes for the great festival. While we moderns tend to do a good bit of bustling about in the crowded hours between Thanksgiving and Christmas that hardly constitutes the kind of preparation Advent calls for. Indeed, traditionally Advent has been a time of quiet introspection, personal examination, and repentance. It is a time to slow down, to take stock of the things that matter the most, and to do a thorough inner housecleaning. Advent is, as the ancient teaching of the church asserts, a time of fasting, prayer, confession, and reconciliation. All the great Advent stories, hymns, customs, and rituals—from the medieval liturgical antiphons and Scrooge's Christmas Carol to the lighting of Advent candles are attuned to this notion: that the best way to prepare for the coming of the Lord is to make straight His pathway in our hearts.

—from *Christmas Spirit: The Joyous Carols, Stories, Feasts and Traditions of the Season* by George Grant and Gregory Wilbur

## SERMON NOTES

### ***Participants in the Worship Service***

Rev. Omar Ortiz – Senior Pastor  
Rev. Jay Forester – Assistant Pastor  
Dr. Carl Ashley – Music Director  
Mr. Michael A. Harris – Accompanist  
The Gauger Family – Advent Readers

**Flowers** - The flowers on the alter today are presented to the  
Glory of God in honor of Dorothy Wilson on her birthday.  
With love from your children and grandchildren.

Flower dates open: Jan 3, 10, 24, 31

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Church Wide Events***

**Welcome!** We are glad to have you as our guest today. Please fill out the blue card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate. Sunday sermons are available on our website: [www.lopca.org](http://www.lopca.org).

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** will be this Thursday at 6:00 pm. In the bulletin you will find inserts that will present you the opportunity to help support the work of the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund. Your donation to the 2009 PCA Christmas Offering not only aids the widows of PCA pastors and retirees, it helps fund the new Emergency Assistance Fund for pastors.

**Weekly Prayer Request-** available at the outreach table in the Narthex.

**E-Mail Update** – If you would like to receive information from the church via e-mail please note your address on the blue card or let us know if there have been any recent changes to your address. Please know that your email information **WILL NOT** be given out.

**Nursery** - The nursery (3 and under) is located on the first floor of the Sanctuary Building. Please pick up your children immediately after the service is over.

**Wednesday Night** activities are cancelled for Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 with the exception of choir practice Dec. 23 at 7:00 pm. All activities will resume on Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

**The WIC Council** needs volunteers to launder/iron linens after church events. We are looking for anyone who could make a “lifetime” commitment, but any help when needed would be appreciated. Contact Melissa Backus at 370-9266 or [bmback@comcast.net](mailto:bmback@comcast.net). Thank you in advance for your consideration! **Note:** We are missing several of the church linens. If you have borrowed any for an event please return them as soon as possible. Please contact the office if you have any to return. Thank you.

**2009 Contributions** - IRS rules require that churches record contributions in the year in which they are received. A check dated 2009, but received by the church in 2010 must be recorded as a 2010 contribution. Checks mailed and postmarked in 2009 but not received by the church until 2010 are exceptions. They will be recorded as 2009 contributions. Thank you for your ongoing support towards God's Kingdom.

### **Adult Ministries**

**Sunday School** - Class 1 - John Brandt is teaching a class on the life of David using the book *The Shepherd King* by Roger Ellsworth. Class 2 - Stephen Van Roekel is teaching from the book of *Galatians*. These classes meet on the first floor of the Education Building.

**Adult Thursday Night Home Bible Studies** - If you are interested in having or joining a home Bible study please contact the office at 582-5686 for information.

**Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study – cancelled until Wed., Jan 6.**

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**Bridal Shower** - Ladies please join hostesses Mary Downing Forester and Anna Forester for a bridal shower honoring Alecia Koerner, Saturday, January 2, at 2:00 pm in the Parlor. Alicia is engaged to Justin Forester and their wedding is planned for late February. Please RSVP to Anna Forester at 968-2806.

### **Children's Ministry**

**Children's Church (4yrs. – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)** - We encourage parents to take the time to talk to their kids about what they are learning. Today: December 20, *Luke 1:26-45:2:1-20* - The Son of God is born! For more information please contact Lisa Lennon, l.lennon@live.com. Please pick up your children after the service in the Education Building.

**Awana (3yrs. - 6<sup>th</sup> grade) – cancelled until Wed., Jan 6.**

### **Nursery Volunteers**

<b>During Sunday School</b>	Dec. 20 – Vicki B.; Annette M. Dec. 27 – Lisa L.; Vicki B.
<b>During Worship (0-2 yrs)</b>	Dec. 20 – Barbie E.; Melissa M. Dec. 27 - Peggy S.; Martha M.
<b>During Worship (2-3 yrs)</b>	Dec. 20 - Ann S. Dec. 27 - TBA
<b>Children's Church: (4 yrs-3rd grade)</b>	Dec. 20 - Teacher – Carol. B.; Helper – Hazel B. Dec. 27 – Teacher – Lisa L.; Helper – Jennifer W.

## **Youth Ministry**

**Sunday School** - We are using the book *The Enemy Within* by Kris Lundgaard. Youth Sunday School meets on the second floor in the Education Building. See Charlie or Jay if you need a book.

**Sunday Nights** - Join us in the youth room at 6 pm on the second floor in the Education Building as we explore our identity as "reformed Christians."

**Wednesday Nights – Cancelled until Wed., Jan 6.**

## **Outreach/Service Opportunities**

**“English-as-a-Second Language” Program** - We need volunteers for program organizers, teachers, and enablers. Please submit your name to Maria Osso on the blue card. A general planning meeting is set after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

## **THIS WEEK AT LOPC: December 20 - December 27**

Today	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Sunday School; Nursery
	10:00 am -10:25 am	Fellowship; Library Open
	10:30 am -11:30 am	Worship; Children’s Church;
	6:00 pm- 8:00 pm	Youth Christmas Party
Mon.	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Ladies Encouragement Group Study/Visits (Parlor)
Tues.	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Outreach Team Meeting
Thurs	6 :00 pm – 7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Office Closed)
Fri		<b><i>Merry Christmas</i></b> (Office Closed)
Sat.	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Sat. Prayer Group (Education Building)

## *Poinsettia Memorials*

### **Given by:**

*Ron and Vicki Backus*

*Betty Baliram*

*Dorothy Brindle*

*Joe and Hazel Brown*

*Bill Campbell*

*Betsy Dixon*

*Tom and Margaret Doyle*

*Jay and Anna Forester*

*Jim and Becky Forester*

*Mary Ida Harper*

*Jimmy and Sharon Keller*

*Anna May Kinser*

*Carolyn Kullmar*

*LouWinna Langlely*

*Bob and Nancy Lee*

*Blair and Sallie LittleJohn*

*Martha Mattson*

*John and Yvonne Morris*

*Evelyn Noller and family*

*Suzanne Rivell*

*George and Becky Robertson*

*Marlene Roese*

*Eleanor Rose*

*Jim and Ann Seay*

*Bill and Doris Skeen*

*Marc and Martha Smith*

*Peggy Sprankle*

*Bob and Beth Williams*

### **In Memory/Honor of:**

memory of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Mullins and  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Backus

memory of sisters Zira Khan and Salina Ali

memory of husband David Brindle

memory of Ruth Smiley and loved ones

memory of wife Doris Campbell

memory of son, Stephen Dixon and parents

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Greenwood

memory of our parents

in honor of our parents

memory of Becky's father Dr. Norman Harper

memory of parents Lucy and Remer Downing

memory of loved ones

memory of parents Ralph and Florence Kinser

memory of husband Ken Kullmar

memory of husband Ralph Langlely

in celebration of the birth of our first grandchild Jake Thomas Lee

memory of our parents

memory of husband Jalmer Mattson

memory of our fathers

memory of husband Tom Noller

memory of parents Robert and Zoe McMillan

memory of loved ones

memory of loved ones

memory of husband, George and son John

memory of loved ones

memory of daughter, Patti and loved ones

memory of Betty McKee

memory of parents and son William Sprankle

memory of our beloved daughter Lauren Ann

**Those who purchased Poinsettias may take them home after the  
Candlelight Service**

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