

PRELUDE *The Vermillion Sunrise; Lord God Open the Door* Boëly (1785-1858)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Almighty God, work our lives until we are the likeness of your son, then send us out as lights for a dark world. Prepare our hearts, for Jesus is our hope.

People: Come Lord Jesus!

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN *The Days are Surely Coming* Llangeloffan

The days are surely coming, says God, to all the earth,
When you will see My promise; salvation come to birth
My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
And you will be delivered by My almighty hand.

The days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised one,
When you will read My warning in moon and stars and sun.
Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear,
For I am Your redeemer, and I am drawing near.

The days are surely coming when we will know at last
The fullness of God's presence, God's promise, come to pass.
Then righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
And we will be delivered by God's almighty hand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess how easily we let time go by. We linger in the darkness, even with deliverance so near. We hesitate to face the future, even with Christ as our strength. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Your son, we confess we are slow to prepare. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Lead us forth to meet the moments You graciously give us, clear and awake to Your will. Amen

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.
World without end, Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 80: 1-7,17-19

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1: 1-17

SERMON *Family Ties.* Rev. Patrick Pettit

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM *Zion Hears the Watchmen's Voices* Bach (1685-1750)

Zion hears the watchmen's voices, with gladness all her heart rejoices,
She eager wakes to greet the day.
See her Lord from heaven descending with grace and truth and power unending,
Her daystar dawns with brightest ray.
O come thou blessed one, Lord Jesu, God's own son, Hosanna!
We follow there thy feast to share and taste the joys beyond compare.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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.

CLOSING HYMN *Soon and Very Soon* Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, we're going to see the King.

No more crying there, we are going to see the King.
No more dying there, we are going to see the King.
No more crying there, we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, we're going to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, we're going to see the King.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Are You Asleep? Wake Up, Quickly!*

Boëly

Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

The Legacy: Eloise Morris

Augusta Nursing and Rehab: Mary Ann Maupin

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Summit Square: Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Edie Lawrence, Steve Doherty, Nancy Snyder, Kathy Brown

Friends and Family: Andy & Jean Robeson, Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds (Cunninghams), Steve Stevens, Paul Jones, George & Alice Morris (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Emily Bardeen (Sandi Henderson), Kathy Doyle (Cindy & Rodger Doyle), Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Tony Poplin, Jerry Hughes, Paul Watts (Colleen Cash), Helen Schurz (Holly Bennett), Shae Blackwell and Family (Preschool), Carol Buckalew (Jen Jones), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Lawrence Maddox

Military: Jeremiah Henderson, Carson Craig

Missionaries: Elmarie & Scott Parker, PC (USA) Regional Liaisons to Iraq, Syria & Lebanon

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TO ANYONE 9 YEARS & OLDER
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON 11th STREET
DRIVE-THROUGH EVENT
DURING FOOD BANK HOURS ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, FROM 1:00-4:00 P.M.
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS!

