

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, December 22, 2013

*Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His
mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.*

(Psalm 100:1,4,5)

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Prelude: [Welcome, Announcements]

Preparation for Worship: Psalter-Hymnal #337 (all)

***The Call to Worship**

***Confession of our need for God's grace** (Psalm 124:8):

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth"

***God's Welcome to His People**

***Psalm of Response**

Psalter 100A (1,4)

***Opening Prayer**

God's Law

Malachi 3:14-4:6

Prayer of Confession and Praise

(God's assurance of pardon: Psalm 25:4-6)

***Psalm of Praise**

Psalter 25A (all)

Confession of Faith

(see back)

Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving

***Song of Preparation**

Psalter-Hymnal #335 (all)

Scripture Reading:

Luke 2:25-35; Luke 11:29-32; John 5:24-29

Sermon:

Luke 2:34,35

***Respond in Song**

Psalter 30A (1,2,5)

***Benediction (God's parting Word of blessing)**

***(Moment of Silent Meditation)**

Sermon: **Luke 2:34,35**

*The Holy Spirit inspires Simeon to proclaim that the work of Christ is
for salvation and judgment.*

We see:

1. Jesus is appointed as a sign; a sign which will be spoken against.
2. Jesus was appointed for the fall of many.
3. The work of Christ is also unto the rising to life of many.

CALENDAR

- Sundays: 10:00 AM—Worship Service.
 - Sundays: after worship—Informal fellowship in food, singing, prayer, discussion and study.
 - Pizza & Theology— here at school; 6:30-8:30 PM
Last Friday of each month (except this month of Dec.!).
["Theology" is about discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER: *(Let us know your needs for prayer!)*
**"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with
thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God"** (Phil. 4:6)

- Pray for our country and government; and persecuted church in the world.
 - Pray for King's:
 - God's blessing on the testimony of King's: SermonAudio, website, Good News Bible Study (graders and students)
 - The Lord's blessing on joyful tithing/giving (in box on back table).
 - God's blessing in our work, and all we do, as service to Him.
 - Families raising children (to know God's blessing and grace to persevere).
 - Hicks and Yuans (as members who are away from us).
 - Pray for safe arrival (this evening) of Giorgio & Sabrina and also their daughter and her husband (Luca and Rachele Lamberti); and God to bless their time here.
 - HEALTH: Pastor Donnan (heart, thyroid, adrenals and eyes); Roy's father (prostate; need of Gospel); Gloria Donnan (Alzheimer's).
 - Pray for Regional Presbytery and sister churches and their needs.
 - Ministry of CRPC churches: Suriname (Rev. Hamid); Des Moines, Iowa (Rev. Waters); Durand, Illinois (Rev. Gibson).
 - Fellowship group meeting in Italy—Giorgio Modolo (encouragement).
 - Pray for King's mission work through Reformation Christian Ministries:
 - All who work in grading, programming, and editing GNBS.
 - Seminary and B.Ed. students in various countries.
 - The Lord to provide as He wills for RCM's various needs.
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The church is called to be a confessing church, that she may be,
the pillar and ground of the truth (1Tim. 3:15,16)

The Heidelberg Catechism

29. Q. Why is the Son of God called *Jesus*, that is, Savior?

A. Because He saves us from all our sins,[1] and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.[2]

[1] *Matt. 1:21; Heb. 7:25.* [2] *Is. 43:11; John 15:4, 5; Acts 4:11, 12; I Tim. 2:5.*

30. Q. Do those believe in the only Savior Jesus who seek their salvation and well-being from saints, in themselves, or anywhere else?

A. No. Though they boast of Him in words, they in fact deny the only Savior Jesus.[1] For one of two things must be true: either Jesus is not a complete Savior, or those who by true faith accept this Savior must find in Him all that is necessary for their salvation.[2]

[1] *I Cor. 1:12, 13; Gal. 5:4.* [2] *Col. 1:19, 20; 2:10; I John 1:7.*

35. Q. What do you confess when you say: *He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?*

A. The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God,[1] took upon Himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,[2] through the working of the Holy Spirit.[3] Thus He is also the true seed of David,[4] and like His brothers in every respect,[5] yet without sin.[6]

[1] *John 1:1; 10:30-36; Rom. 1:3; 9:5; Col. 1:15-17; I John 5:20.*

[2] *Matt. 1:18-23; John 1:14; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 2:14.* [3] *Luke 1:35.*

[4] *II Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 132:11; Matt. 1:1; Luke 1:32; Rom. 1:3.*

[5] *Phil. 2:7; Heb. 2:17.* [6] *Heb. 4:15; 7:26, 27.*

36. Q. What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

A. He is our Mediator,[1] and with His innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.[2]

[1] *I Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 9:13-15.*

[2] *Rom. 8:3, 4; II Cor. 5:21; Gal. 4:4, 5; I Pet. 1:18, 19.*

Questions for discussion:

1. What does the Bible mean when it says that Jesus came to save the world?
2. In what sense was Jesus a *sign*?
3. Why would Jesus be for the *fall of many in Israel*? Is this still true?
4. What glorious truth is taught in Jesus being for *the rising to life of many*?
5. What does this two-fold work of Christ mean for everyone, today too?

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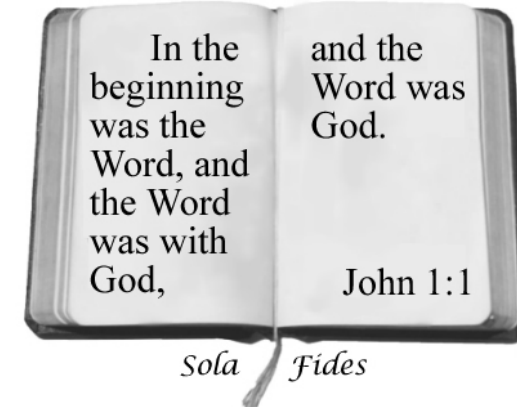
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