

Sunday Gathering Liturgy

Jesus the Everlasting Father,
Isaiah 9:6 - Bradley Bell

December 13, 2020

The Royal Names of Jesus

Call to Worship - Psalm 103:8-13

Good morning and welcome to Antioch Church! Advent is the season in which we look back upon the incarnation of Jesus Christ, and look forward to his second coming. We worship him, and we wait for him.

The lighting of Advent candles symbolizes the growing expectation we have for the coming of Christ, the light of the world. Before we light today's candle, hear the word of the Lord from Psalm 103:

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

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

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

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

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

13 As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. Psalm 103:8-13

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ, our Everlasting Father. Church, may you worship today with great joy and anticipation.

Grace Alone

Confession - Luke 2:4-7

We read this in Luke 2:

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:4-7

Let's pray this together:

Lord, as we prepare our homes for the Christmas season, we would also prepare our hearts for the returning of Christ.

Congregation: You came once for your people, O Lord, and you will come for us again.

Though there was no room at the inn to receive you upon your first arrival,

Congregation: We would prepare you room, O Lord, in our homes and in our hearts.

Amen. (from Every Moment Holy)

What Child Is This

Only A Holy God

Sermon - Isaiah 9:6

Communion - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Good Good Father

Announcements & Benediction - John 14:18

Thank you for joining us today! As we always say, this is only a small part of the life of Antioch. We would love to have you in one of our Family Groups, where we seek to live out the Christian life together. If you would like to join one of them, simply message us and we'll get you connected.

Here are just a few quick announcements:

1) Giving and visitors - Since we're not able to pass our giving baskets in our gathering at this time, we have placed them on the back table; you may give there as you exit or through GivApp.

If you are a visitor with us this morning we are glad you're here! Please if you would like to find out more about Antioch or have a pastor contact you, feel free to fill out a visitor card also located in the basket on the back table. You may use the Antioch pens and keep one as our gift to you.

2) Family Meeting - Family Meeting is tonight, Here at the building at 6:30 PM. All covenant members please make plans to attend. This will replace Family Group meetings for this week.

3) MCT Calendars - MCT calendars are now on sale for \$10 each. We can accept cash, check, or credit card.

We begin each gathering with a Call to Worship and we end with a Benediction, which is simply a reminder that we are blessed to be a blessing. If you would like to receive this benediction, I invite you to open your hands before you.

Church, Jesus has said he will not leave you as orphans, but he will come to you. Therefore may you go proclaiming his first coming, and waiting for his second. (based on John 14:18)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: We are sent.
