

The Promise:



Advent at Evangel



ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day, December 5, 2021

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
and to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors and offers
welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(Register Attendance/Connect Cards)

Meditation

Galatians 3:8

"The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles
by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham:
'All nations will be blessed through you.'"

APPROACHING GOD IN WORSHIP

Greeting: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship

Matthew 2:6; I Timothy 3:16

Pastor: And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.

People: Proclaim it among the nations. Great indeed, is the mystery of godliness: 'Christ was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by the angels, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.'

Hymn of Adoration

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come #195

Prayer of Adoration

Advent Candle

The Bethlehem Candle

Mike and Deb Kanaga

APPROACHING GOD IN CONFESSION AND SERVICE

Call to Confession

II Timothy 2:8-13

"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal.

But God's word is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. Here is a trustworthy saying: 'If we died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him. If we disown Him, He will also disown us; if we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for He cannot disown Himself.'"

Prayer of Confession in Unison

Father, the call of the gospel is clear. We are to live for Christ and die to ourselves. Part of dying to ourselves is living to serve the Bride of Christ.

Forgive us when we seek to serve our flesh instead of our Savior. Help us to remain faithful to You. May we take hold of Your promise that we will reign with You. Thank you for forgiving our faithlessness. May You be glorified by our redemption in Christ.

The Lord's Assurance of Pardon

God reminds our forgetful hearts of the grace that is ours in Jesus.

II Timothy 2:19

"God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: 'The Lord knows those who are His,' and, 'Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.'"

Hymn

Love of God

The Offering

In gratitude, we offer our tithes and offerings to God.

Gloria Patri #735

*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, amen.*

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #196

Pastoral Prayer

We lift up our requests to God knowing that he hears us when we pray.

Ministry of Music

The Promise

Mike Verga
by Michael Card

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

The Scripture Reading and Response

Genesis 12:1-9

Galatians 3:6-14

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades;

People: But the Word of our God stands forever.

Children may be dismissed for Children's Church (ages 3-7). Teachers will meet them in the foyer. They may be picked up after the service at the end of the south hall.

The Morning Sermon

The Promise: Abraham Follow Me and I will Bless You

Rev. Tim Rackley

Prayer of Application

Hymn

The Lord Is My Salvation

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into Hades.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated

at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge

the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,*

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic church means universal church.*

Words of Institution and Invitation

I Corinthians 11:23-29

Prayer of Confession and Consecration

Receiving the Bread

Is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

I Cor. 10:16

Receiving the Cup

Is not the cup of blessing a sharing in the blood of Christ?

I Cor. 10:16

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ministry of Mercy Offering

Please give your mercy offering when you exit by dropping it into the box at the back of the sanctuary.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain #224

Benediction

Pastor: "The Lord is faithful who will strengthen you and keep you from the evil one. Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love God has for you and into the steadfastness Christ gives you." Amen.

Doxology #731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures, here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Postlude

SERMON OUTLINE

The Promise: Abraham Follow Me and I Will Bless You

Genesis 12:1-9

Galatians 3:6-14

Point: Because God speaks into our lives,
we must live by faith in Him.

I. God Calls Us to Follow Him

A. God calls us to leave our comfort zone.

B. God calls us to follow His direction.

II. God Promises Us Blessing

A. God blesses us through obedience.

B. God blesses us through Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GriefShare tonight, December 5th at 6:00 pm in the education building. This ministry seeks to help people through grieving resulting from the death of a loved one. Questions may be addressed to Dan Drouhard or Pastor Tim.

Kids' Quest is tonight, December 5th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Children in grades Pre-K/K-5th are encouraged to join us for an hour of fun and learning each Sunday night. Contact Pastor Tim with questions.

EPYC (Evangel Presbyterian Youth Crew) is tonight, December 5th at 6:00 PM at the church. Contact Pastor Tim for more information.

The Session will meet this Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 PM in the conference room.

Nursery Volunteers

	December 5	December 12
Sunday School:	Cheryl Doeden	Liesel Engelbrecht
Worship:	Kendi Fiscus James Rackley	Deb Kanaga Natalie Fiscus

Children's Church Leaders

	December 5	December 12
Leader:	Brenda Johnson	Chloe Johnson
Helper:	Natalie Fiscus	Creed Fiscus

Thank you for serving! We appreciate our loving children's ministry volunteers very much. If you are unable to serve your scheduled time for either nursery or children's church, please try to find a replacement.

Cheryl Doeden, Nursery Coordinator

Jackie Rackley, Children's Church Coordinator

CHURCH PROGRAMS

Kids' and Youth Music.....	Sundays at 9:10 AM
Sunday School.....	Sundays at 9:10 AM
Gather	Sundays at 10:10 AM
Morning Worship	Sundays at 10:45 AM
Adult Choir	Sundays at 12:10 PM
Kids' Quest Classes	Sundays at 6:00 PM
EPYC (Evangel Presbyterian Youth Crew)	Sundays at 6:00 PM
GriefShare Classes.....	Sundays at 6:00 PM
Women's Evening Study Group <small>Second & Fourth</small>	Tuesday at 7:00 PM
Women's Morning Study Group <small>Second & Fourth</small> ..	Wednesday 9:30 AM
F.L.O.C.K.S. Groups	See group leaders for time and location

HISTORY AND MISSION

Evangel had its first service on November 6, 1988. The following year, Evangel joined The Presbyterian Church in America, a conservative denomination organized in 1973.

Evangel believes the Bible is the infallible word of God and forgiveness and eternal life are obtained only through God's Son, Jesus Christ, who died as a substitute for His people.

Our objective is to exalt the moral excellence of God, to build up and sustain the faith of members, to engage in mutual service, to interpret today's happenings in the light of God's revelation, and to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to Evangel!

Nursery care is provided for infants and toddlers under age three during Sunday school and the worship service. Children's church is offered for children ages 3 to 7. Children may leave the service after the Scripture reading.

LEADERSHIP

Session

Rev. Tim Rackley, Pastor
Brad Doeden
Bryan Fiscus
Marlon Johnston, Clerk of Session

Diaconate

Zack Flummerfelt
Eric Mize

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