

# BIG CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rensselaer, MO

November 28, 2021 11:00 a.m.

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## Prelude

**\*Hymn of Praise #01**                      *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”*

## \*Prayer of Invocation

**\*Call to Worship**    *(from Psalm 146)*

**Leader:** *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!*

**PEOPLE:** **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

**Leader:** *Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth.*

**PEOPLE:** **Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth.**

**Leader:** *The LORD will reign forever. Praise the LORD!*

**\*Hymn #147**    *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

**Lighting of Advent Candles: HOPE** *(from Isaiah 9)*

## Prayer of Confession (in unison):

O Lord, I marvel that You should become incarnate, be crucified, dead, and buried. Grant me to die with You, that I may rise to new life, for I wish to be as dead and buried to my own sin and to the sins of the world. Forgive me and purge from me all that is **joyless, hopeless, faithless**. Shape me to Your good purposes, that I would seek You—by the grace of Your Spirit—for all things.

**Private Prayers** (silently before God)

## Words of Assurance

*Romans 5:8*

**\*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, amen.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (printed on insert):                      *Apostles’ Creed*

## Welcome & Announcements

*(Children may remain with parents in the sanctuary, nursery, or upstairs.)*

## Sharing of Needs and Mercies

**Prayers of the People / Lord’s Prayer** (printed in insert)

## Worshiping God with Tithes & Offerings

**\*Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Hymn #368**    *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*

## Prayer of Illumination

**Scripture Message**    *Guest Preacher, Bill Dexheimer*

**\*Sending Hymn #151** (1<sup>st</sup> Tune)                      *“Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus”*

## \*Benediction

*May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father (who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace) comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.*

*(And all God’s people said...)*

**\*Response**    All praise to God! Amen.

## \*Postlude

*\* Please stand, if you are able and it is comfortable for you.  
Assistive listening devices are available upon request.*

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*Rev. Nathan Markley, Pastor  
Elder Danny Yochum, Liturgist  
Rebecca McElroy, Pianist  
All Members, Ministers*

**\*Hymn of Praise #01** *"Praise, Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore Him. Amen.

**\*Hymn #147** *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

3 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel! Amen.

**\*Hymn #368** *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"*

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]*

3 His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. *[Refrain]*

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne. *[Refrain]* Amen.

**\*Sending Hymn #151** (1<sup>st</sup> Tune) *"Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"*

1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

2 Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne. Amen.

## Announcements

- 1) The Hanging of the Sanctuary Greens will begin **tomorrow** (Mon., Nov. 29) at 9:00 a.m. Soup will be provided for lunch.
- 2) Big Creek is baking Christmas cookies for the neighborhood of Lake Hannibal Estates **this Wednesday** (Dec. 1) at 5:30 p.m. Join us downstairs in the kitchen if you'd like to help bake or package.
- 3) Angel Tree tags are available downstairs. Big Creek has adopted three families, a total of six children. If you want to purchase gift items, have those to Big Creek by **Dec. 19**, or you can contribute money for purchase to Janet Taylor by **Dec. 5**.
- 4) Pastor Nathan will be unavailable through Dec. 4. Please contact the elders with any concerns during this time.
- 5) Take note of upcoming Christmas festivities:
  - a) **Hanging of the Greens**: November 29 at 9:00 a.m.
  - b) **Neighborhood Cookie Bake**: December 1 at 5:30 p.m.
  - c) **Christmas Tree Decoration**: December 11
  - d) **Angel Tree**: by December 19
  - e) **Christmas Candlelight Service**: December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

### A note to parents:

We're always glad when kids join us in the sanctuary to worship God! While nursery services are still on hold for health safety, parents may keep kids with them in the sanctuary, in the downstairs nursery space, or in the balcony upstairs any time during the worship service.



## 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;<sup>1</sup>  
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<sup>2</sup> church;  
The communion of saints;  
The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body;  
And the life everlasting. Amen

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<sup>1</sup> While we believe in an eternal place that Scripture calls Hell, the word which has historically been translated as "hell" here means that Jesus really, truly died.

<sup>2</sup> The catholic ("little c") church consists of all believers in Christ's church and is not a particular reference to the Roman Catholic Church.