ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, December 20, 2015

... unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isaiah 9:6,7)

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Prelude: [Welcome, Announcements]

Preparation for Worship: Psalter-Hymnal #169 (1,3,6)

*The Call to Worship

(see above)

*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 Greeting to His People

*Psalm of Response

Psalter-Hymnal #332 (1,3,5)

*Opening Prayer

Scripture on birth of Christ

Luke 2:1-20

Prayer of Confession and Praise

(God's assurance of pardon: Isaiah 7:14)

*Psalm of Praise Psalter-Hymnal #331 (1,2,3)

Confession of Faith (see bulletin)

Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving

*Song of Preparation Psalter-Hymnal #335 (all)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3:9-15; Revelation 12

Sermon:

Genesis 3:15

*Respond in Song

Psalter-Hymnal #337 (all)

*Benediction (God's parting Word of blessing)

*(Moment of Silent Meditation)

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Sermon: Genesis 3:15

The first promise of the Good News of the Christ-child.

We see:

- 1. The *Good News* means there will be two mothers who will produce two families (two lines).
- 2. The *Good News* means two enmities.
- 3. The *Good News* is the glorious message of one victory in the coming of the Christ-child.

CALENDAR

- <u>Sundays: 10:00 AM</u>—Worship Service.
- Sundays: after worship —Informal fellowship in food, singing, prayer, discussion and study.
- Wednesday's (5:45 PM at school)—Catechism/Profession of faith classes

(postponed till further notice).

• <u>Pizza & Theology—Last Friday of month; at school, 6: 30-8:30 PM</u> ["Theology" is about discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]

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OFFERINGS: Dec. 13/15—NA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER: (Let us know your requests 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 <u>country</u> and government.
- Pray for <u>persecuted church</u> in the world.

Pray for King's: (SermonAudio, website, Good News Bible Study)

- Salvation of loved ones and others we know.
- The Lord's blessing on joyful tithing/giving (in box on 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).
- Burrell's school (wisdom in administration; enrollment).
- Hicks (as members who are away from us).
- Safe travel for Pastor Poettcker & Sharilyn; going this week to daughter and family in Ontario (returning on PM of Dec. 25).
- HEALTH: Pastor Donnan's sister Jeanne (rehabilitation from stroke).
 Pastor Donnan (eyes, heart, diabetes). Gloria Donnan (Alzheimer's).
 Pastor Poettcker's sister-in-law Helen (brain tumor).

Pray for Regional Presbytery and sister churches and their needs.

- Ministry of CRPC churches: Suriname (Rev. Hamid); Des Moines, Iowa (Rev. Waters; seeking pastoral help); Rev. Gibson (pastoral calling).
- Modolo's in Italy (direction; encouragement).

Pray for King's mission work through Reformation Christian Ministries:

- Outreach of the Bible courses and educational courses and degrees by RCM to people around the world.
- Presbyterian pastor in Uzbekistan (facing forms of persecution)
- Course production for the M.Div. program.
- Al Hembd (Greek & Hebrew prof in Israel) trouble in Israel (need safety).
- God's provision for needs for RCM and RCM personnel.

The Westminster Confession of Faith

WCF 8.6 Although the work of redemption was not actually wrought by Christ till after His incarnation, yet the virtue, efficacy, and benefits thereof, were communicated unto the elect in all ages successively from the beginning of the world, in and by those promises, types, and sacrifices, wherein He was revealed and signified to be the Seed of the woman, which should bruise the serpent's head, and the Lamb slain from the beginning of the world being yesterday and today the same, and forever.(1) (1)Gal. 4:4,5; Gen. 3:15; Rev. 13:8; Heb. 13:8.

The Heidelberg Catechism

- 16. Q. Why must He be a true and righteous man?
- **<u>A.</u>** He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin.[1] He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.[2]
 - [1] Rom: 5:12, 15; I Cor. 15:21; Heb. 2:14-16. [2] Heb. 7:26, 27; I Pet. 3:18.
- **17. Q.** Why must He at the same time be true God?
- A. He must be true God so that by the power of His divine nature[1] He might bear in His human nature the burden of God's wrath,[2] and might obtain for us and restore to us righteousness and life.[3] [1] Is. 9:5. [2] Deut. 4:24; Nah. 1:6; Ps. 130:3. [3] Is. 53:5, 11; John 3:16; II Cor. 5:21
- **18. Q.** But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true and righteous man?
- <u>A.</u> Our Lord Jesus Christ,[1] whom God made our *wisdom*, our *righteousness and sanctification and redemption* (1Cor. 1:30). [1] Matt. 1:21-23; Luke 2:11; I Tim. 2:5; 3:16.
- **19. Q.** From where do you know this?
- A. From the holy gospel, which God Himself first revealed in Paradise.[1] Later, He had it proclaimed by the patriarchs[2] and prophets,[3] and foreshadowed by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law.[4] Finally, He had it fulfilled through His only Son.[5]
 - [1] Gen. 3:15. [2] Gen. 12:3; 22:18; 49:10.
 - [3] Is. 53; Jer. 23:5, 6; Mic. 7:18-20; Acts 10:43; Heb. 1:1.
 - [4] Lev. 1:7; John 5:46; Heb. 10:1-10. [5] Rom. 10:4; Gal. 4:4, 5; Col. 2:17.

Questions for discussion: [see on the table]

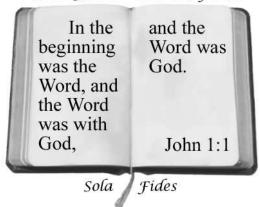
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Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 A.M.

Lord's Day, December 20, 2015

Questions for discussion

[Sermon: Genesis 3:15]

- 1. Who are the two "mothers" and who are their "seed"?
- 2. What is the "Good News" in these "mothers"?
- 3. What is *enmity*? What are the two enmities in our text?
- 4. What is the "Good News" in these two enmities?
- 5. (a) What are the two "bruising's" that lead to one victory?
 - (b) What is significant about Rom. 16:20 about the one bruising?
- 6. How does all this relate to "Christmas"?

Other questions (as time allows)

- 1. What does the term "priest" mean? (not what does but mean)
- 2. It is often said to children "God lives in my heart." What does this really mean? Is it biblical?
- 3. Is it wrong to ask people to not do something that conflicts with our beliefs (like taking Lord's name in vain or working on Sundays?
- 4. When we talk to others about child discipline, life issues, events, etc. should our conversations be guided using Bible references or should it be "natural" as some suggest (without using scriptural references)?
- 5. What does the bible verse mean "resist the devil and he will flee." (cf. James 4:7)