WHITLEYVILLE REFORMATION CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE

December 29

Anno Domini 2024

Welcome and Announcements

THE LORD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

The people shall stand

Psalm 148:1-4

Angels We Have Heard on High

Cantus 230

MINISTER: : In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: Amen!

For to us a child is born, To us a son is given;

And the government shall be upon his shoulder,
And his name shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince
of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,

On the throne of David and over his kingdom,

To establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,
Unto whom all hearts are open, All desires
known, And from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, That we may
perfectly love You And worthily magnify Your
Glorious Name, Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LORD CLEANSES US FROM OUR SIN

CONFESSION OF SIN

The people shall kneel

Most merciful God

We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone what ought to be done, And we have done what ought not to be done. And there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy on us, miserable sinners. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, According to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, most merciful Father, for His sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

[silent prayer, followed by Amen]

ABSOLUTION

The people shall stand

...Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right so to do!

Gloria Patri

Cantus 436

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Blessed Father,

You have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people shall sit

NEW TESTAMENT

Colossians 3:12-17

The Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM

Psalm 148

Amen!

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

The victory of our Lord Jesus Christ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

The people shall stand

Confession of Faith Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty;
Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ,
his only begotten Son, our Lord
He was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of
the virgin, Mary
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried
He descended into Hades
On the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He will come to judge the living and
the dead

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

SERMON The Second Fall

Genesis 4:1-24

The people shall stand

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Cantus 234

The people shall sit

COLLECTION OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

The Doxology

Cantus 437

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND SUPPLICATION

The people shall stand

Lord, in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Cantus 411

The people shall sit

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

COMMUNION

Joy to the World! The Lord is Come Cantus 240

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing Cantus 236

COMMISSION Matthew 28:18-20

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

Song of Simeon Cantus 428