

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 33:12-16
(page 662)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98

*Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!*

**His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

The LORD has made known his salvation;

**he has revealed his righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

*He has remembered his steadfast love
and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.*

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
**break forth into joyous song
and sing praises!**

*Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!*

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King,
the LORD!**

*Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!*

**Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together**

*before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.*

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.** (ESV)

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:15-20 (page 983)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:1-20 (page 857)

Reader: ...the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon Reading from *The Incarnation in Luke:
Songs for the Savior, #7 Gloria in Excelsis Deo*
by Philip Graham Ryken*
Read by Mr. Rienco DeJong

*Creed The Nicene Creed
**WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible
and invisible.**

**AND IN ONE Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten
Son of God, begotten of his Father before all
worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God
of very God, begotten, not made, being of
one substance with the Father; through whom
all things were made; who for us and for our
salvation came down from heaven, and was
incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also
for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and
was buried; and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father; and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead; whose
kingdom shall have no end.**

**AND WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord
and giver of life, who proceeds from the
Father and the Son; who with the Father and
the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in
one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission
of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession
(concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*The Doxology Trinity Hymnal #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**

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #207 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

*Prayer of Benediction

*Congregational Response Trinity Hymnal #196
**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, (v. 1)
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 ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart. Amen.**

Postlude

Anna Abbey

←—————❁—————→
* Today's Sermon Reading is from the book
*The Incarnation in the Gospels (Reformed Expository
Commentaries)* by Richard D. Phillips, Philip
Graham Ryken & Daniel M. Doriani
P&R Publishing, 2017

←—————❁—————→

Announcements

VISITORS: Welcome to El Camino! Please sign our guest book and join us for refreshments after the service.

TODAY OUR SERVICES are conducted by Elders Rienco DeJong and Jim Robbins, as we are in search of a new minister at El Camino Church.

TONIGHT JOIN US FOR LESSONS IN CAROLS at 6pm, with accompaniment by Anna Abbey. Bring a friend!

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is set for January 27, 2019, at 12:45pm after a Fellowship Lunch. Members may nominate members for the ordained offices of *Elder* and *Deacon*, as well as for the unordained offices of *Trustee* and *Deaconess*. All nominations are due by December 30th and should be presented in writing to Keith Mougeotte, Clerk of Session, except *Trustee* nominations, which go to Rienco DeJong, President of the Board of Trustees.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WED., DEC. 26: 12:15-12:45pm Lunchtime Bible Study at church. Topic: Ephesians. All are welcome.

SUN., DEC. 30: Mr. Jordan Dahl, recently licenced in the United Reformed Church, is visiting from Escondido to fill our pulpit.

←—————❁—————→

El Camino Presbyterian Church

*El Camino Church is a congregation of
The Orthodox Presbyterian Church — opc.org*

Weekly Worship at 10:45am & 6pm

Adult Sunday School at 9:45am

SESSION CONTACTS:

Rienco DeJong: 805-729-5802 | rdejong@cox.net
Josh Martin (Moderator): 805-348-3101 | revjosh@gmail.com
Keith Mougeotte (Clerk): 805-720-3637
keithmougeotte@gmail.com
Mark Mueller: 805-816-7364 | markcmueller83@gmail.com
Jim Robbins: 805-886-1866 | jrobbins@west.net

El Camino Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day

December 23rd, 2018

10:45AM Morning Worship

Prelude Anna Abbey

*Greeting and Call to Worship (*Congregation stands)

*Hymn #203 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*The Gloria Patri Trinity Hymnal #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.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: ...you are forgiven.

Congregation: **Amen!**

*Call to Grateful Obedience

Leader: ...this is God's will for you in Christ.

Congregation: **Amen!**

*Hymn #219 “All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord”

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own; that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

←—————❁—————→

ADVENT IS THE SEASON that begins the Church Year.

The theme is the King is coming. Declaring the promise of our faithful God to bring us salvation through the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords, the Scriptures focus our minds on the need to be prepared for his coming. We now rejoice in the knowledge that Christ has come, and we look forward to his return in glory! *Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand.* (Romans 13.11-12a)

On our Advent banner, the star, reminiscent of the star that announced the birth of Christ to the wise men and guided them to him, reminds us of a promised, coming, Savior, but for us, one who has already come and will come again. The color of the season is royal blue—ours is a kingly Savior.

←—————❁—————→