

Sunday Morning Worship

***First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2014 – 9:30 am***

The mantle on the cross is purple during the season of Advent. It is the color of royalty, symbolizing the Messiah whose coming reign Advent celebrates. Purple also links Advent to another penitential season– Lent.

Our purpose at Modesto CRC is to joyfully worship and glorify God, lovingly equip, nurture and care for our fellow believers, and earnestly share life in Jesus Christ with others, enfolding them in His church.

Welcome to worship at Modesto CRC. Please carefully follow the order of worship printed below. * denotes standing for those who are able and **boldfaced** type often indicates words to be read aloud by the worshippers. The hymnals found in the pew racks are the Psalter Hymnal (PsH: *gray*) and the Celebration Hymnal (CH: *red*). We are glad that you are here. Let us worship God together.

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting: from the Gospel of Luke

Hymn: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” PsH 329

Welcome: Pastor Peter Oh
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*God’s Greeting

*Songs of Praise: “God, You Reign”
“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: unison

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God’s will is that you should come and help us do it.

Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. [*silent prayer*]

Assurance of Forgiveness: Zephaniah 3:14-18

*Response: “Blessed Be the God of Israel”

*Passing the Peace of Christ

The Sacrament of Baptism: Preslie Jeanine Cheshier

*Response: “One Generation Will Call to the Next”

Following the singing, children ages 3 through 1st grade are invited to leave through the back of the sanctuary for Children’s Worship.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

Scripture Reading: Genesis 19:12-29 (p. 17)

Sermon: “**CHRIST IN THE COVENANT I: HOPE**”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

In Gratitude for Years of Service

With Our Prayers: Chad Meeuwse

With Our Tithes & Offerings for the General Fund

WE ARE SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD WITH JOY

*God’s Parting Blessing

*Closing Hymn: “View the Present through the Promise”

Postlude

PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Peter Oh Chad Meeuwse
Bill Reed – guitar Deb Cimoli, Chuck DeJong,
Matt deWaal – bass Reagan Swartz – song leaders
Will Heersink – drums –readers

Following the service, everyone is invited to the Social Hall for a time of refreshments and conversation. Elders will also be available for prayer at the front of the sanctuary.

Our elders are Chuck DeJong, Buz DeVries, Peter Mensonides, Bill Terpstra, Craig Top, Hank VanderVeen, Tom VanGroningen, and Ted Viss.