

SUNDAY MORNING

12-22-2019 – Fourth Advent Sunday

Pre-service Psalter 221:1, 3**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 226: All**

Reading of the Law: Exodus 20:1-20

Response to the Law: Psalter 435:1, 9

Scripture Reading: Exodus 29:38-46; 30:1-10

Congregational Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service

Psalter 386:1-4**

Text: Exodus 30:1-9

Theme: The Altar of Incense:

Worship in Jehovah's Presence

1. The location of this altar

2. The structure of this altar

3. The use of this altar

Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service

Psalter 381:1-3**

Doxology: Psalter 412**

Benediction

** Please stand if able

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. What is meant by saying that in order to come into God's presence we must be both acceptable and compatible?

2*. Why was the Holy of Holies such a special part of the Tabernacle?

3. Why was the veil, embroidered with cherubim, such a painful reminder of man's fall?

4. Why was the priest worshiping before the Altar of Incense symbolic of the restoration of Paradise?

5*. Why was everything inside the Tabernacle tent made of gold, or overlaid with gold?

6. Why did the Altar of Incense have a golden crown?

7. What important connection was there between the Altar of Burnt-offering and the Altar of Incense?

8. What must be the ultimate outcome of true religious experience?

SUNDAY EVENING

12-22-2019

Pre-service Psalter 222:1, 5**

Silent Congregational Prayer

Votum and Salutation

Psalter 367:1, 2**

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1 & 2

Athanasian Creed, 1-2 & 29-44 (p. 3-4)

Congregational Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service

Psalter 304:1-3, 6**

Text: Belg. Conf. Art 18 (Hebr. 2:16-17)

Theme: The Incarnation of Jesus Christ

1. The fact of the incarnation

2. The mystery of the incarnation

3. The purpose of the incarnation

Prayer

Giving our offerings to the Lord's service

Psalter 319:1, 2**

Doxology: Psalter 413**

Benediction

** *Please stand if able*

Family Sermon Discussion Questions:

1. How does a heretical view of the incarnation of Christ impact the gospel?
- 2*. How are the Tabernacle and the Temple visual pictures of the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ?
3. How is the incarnation already revealed in Gen. 3:15, the first gospel promise of the Bible?
4. How does the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ set the stage for the creation of a new heaven and a new earth—the end goal of redemption?
5. What is meant by the statement: God's Son became what He was not, and He remained who He is?
6. Why is it so important to understand that the supernatural conception in Mary's womb was nevertheless a genuine *human* conception?
7. What is the connection between Christ's incarnation and the cross of Calvary?
8. Why and how is the name "Immanuel" (= God with us), God's commentary on the purpose of the incarnation of His beloved Son?

* Questions for younger children