

November 28, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

\*All may stand as able

Liturgist: Jennifer Smith

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Jennifer Smith

Prelude

Pastorale

Van Denman Thompson

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today, Christians around the world begin to celebrate the coming of Christ.

People: We gather as people of hope.

Leader: Our hope is based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction.

People: We believe that the Holy Child born on Christmas morn is indeed the Son of God and the Savior of the world.

Leader: Let us rejoice in God our Savior.

People: Our God is the One who came to save.

Leader: Therefore, in the in-between times; the times between Christ's first and second coming; the times where there is still darkness and imperfection; we can still live in hope.

People: Let us open ourselves to the Spirit of Life who is in our midst.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE 88

O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

INVOCATION (Unison)

Dr. Dawson Harmon

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus. Come and make your presence in our Advent waiting. Fill our worship with anticipation. Remind us of our salvation. Grant us mercy from all our sins. Renew your Spirit within us. Do these things so that we might rightly praise you and afterward serve you. In the name of Emmanuel, God with us, we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

ADVENT CAROL vs. 1

Light the Advent candle, one; Now the waiting has begun;  
We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas night.  
Candle, candle, burning bright; shining in the cold winter's night.  
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas Light.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

Jan Greenberg, Vicki Cunningham

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:1

ADVENT LITERGY

Hope

Leader: Christ has come. Christ was dead. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

People: This is the faith of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Leader: When we look at the world around us, we see the darkness of war, greed, poverty, and broken relationships.

People: We long for Christ to come again and bring light to the world.

Leader: Yet the Word of the Gospel is that Jesus has come. In Him the Kingdom of God was at hand and glimpses of it are a present reality.

People: Therefore, we worship not as those without hope; but as those who long for the Kingdom of God's fullness to be revealed; and as those who labor to make its light more visible on the earth.

All: Let us praise God that the Light of Christ still shines on In the darkness, which has never overcome it.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Jennifer Smith

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM

Come to Us, Emmanuel arr. Ruth Schram  
Joe Carter, organ Kay Carter, piano

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Revelations 21:1-5

SERMON

Hope, Grounded on Truth" Dr. Dawson Harmon

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

The Angelus

Gordon Young

\* THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Dawson Harmon

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD**

\*CLOSING HYMN 804 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Dr. Dawson Harmon

\* Postlude *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* Johann Wakther

**Prayer Concerns**

*for our church family . . .*

George McLean	Margaret Linville	Anne Thomas
Wayne Hughins	Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie
Nellie Songer	Al Greenberg	Edward Giddens
Vernon Clark	Laura Reichert	Jean Camp
Terri Clark	Carol Brown	Kay Prevatt

*for our extended family . . .*

Mary Hammett	Debra Jackson	Cheryl Kelley
Janice Scholl	Uwe Bach	Ed Vermeulen
David Ross	Charles Taylor	Robert Wilkerson
Lisa Krayer Smith	Joyce Williams	Stephen Hogger
Sonia Burrage	Shelley Hiett	Heather Hawkins
Derek & Lauren Webber	Jill Meo	

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