

Bulletin Information
November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

All: **Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.**

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn *While We Are Waiting, Come* (verse 1) (screen)

*Lighting of the Advent Candle

One: Let us pray...

All: **Loving God, as we enter this Advent Season, we open all the dark places in our lives to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of Hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. In the name of the Savior we pray. Amen.**

*Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* PH-9

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

...for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response *Glory Be to the Father* PH #579

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm & Psalm Prayer

Psalm 25:1-10

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. My God, I put my trust in you;

All: let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

One: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

All: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

One: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

All: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

One: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

All: You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

One: You lead the lowly in Justice and teach the lowly your way.

All: All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

One: Merciful God, you continually show us your ways of forgiveness and steadfast love. Remember not our sins, but recall your compassion to your children, satisfy the longing of your people, and fulfill all our hopes for eternal peace through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 21:25-36

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Beginning at the End

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Congregational Response

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We Leave to Serve God

*Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

While We Are Waiting, Come

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Postlude

Sermon text for next week: Luke 3:1-6