



First Sunday in Advent

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~~ First Sunday in Advent ~~ Communion ~~

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it"



Psalm 118:24

We Celebrate the Good News

The Gathering of God's People

Time to speak with each other

Greeting

"The Lord be with you...
And also with you."



Please fill out and pass the Friendship Books.

Visitors, please fill in your address as well. Thank You!

Prelude

Gabriella Fryer

The Call to Worship

Elder David Grammerstorf / Congregation

Make ready a pathway for our God.

Clean out the debris in our hearts and our closets.

Clear out a space in our calendars.

Put aside any sense of unworthiness.

And focus on the One who comes to love us.

Prepare a place in our homes and hearts.

All: Light the candles, for Christ is coming.

Gathering Hymn: "Savior of the Nations, Come"

#138

The Welcoming Prayer/God's Greeting

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Kathy Sorce

~HOPE~



Leader: Christians around the world begin this day to await the advent of Christ. We join with a joyous and hopeful throng in lighting the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God’s love.

People: **We gather as a people of Hope.**

Leader: Christian people around the world stand today in breathless anticipation of a miracle that has been repeated for hundreds of years, yet that astounds us anew each year.

People: **Our hope springs anew, from an ancient vision.**

Leader: As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the Promise and the Great Gift, and therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

Unison: **We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special Child is to come, that God is to be among us, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth. We are a people of hope.**

~ Light First Advent Candle ~ The Candle of Hope ~

Advent Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs 1) #133

The Call to Confession

Elder David Grammerstorf

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, it is so soon, too soon. We are hardly picked up from Thanksgiving, and here it is Advent with Christmas coming soon. So soon. It is hard to shift gears so fast. We are not ready. Where did the time go? How could the year pass so soon? Lord, help us to keep alert in the Advent season. Help us to be ready to see you in the midst of ordinary tasks. Help us to be ready to slow down for prayer, for children, for our family and friends. Help us to be ready to stand up for peace and justice, for Jesus comes to bring new life to us and to our world. O God, help us to take the time to receive you again. Amen.

Words of Assurance / The Law

Elder David Grammerstorf

“Glory Be to the Father”

Anthem

Gabriella Fryer



We Proclaim the Good News

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Mark 13: 24-37

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Message

“Keep Awake – Look for the Hope”

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

Sermon Hymn: “Of The Father’s Love Begotten” #145



We Respond to the Good News

(Please print your prayer request on the blue card in the pew rack
and deposit in offering plate.)

The Offering

The Doxology

The Offertory Prayer

Blessed God, we stand before you as your people, offering to you what we can in anticipation of your coming again to earth. You give us much, we give you what we can – yet, you are gracious to bless what we give. Please accept these small gifts and transform them into the work of your reign on this earth, as we make ready for the newborn Christ. Amen.

→Please remain standing.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Profession of Faith



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 at 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.

Meaning of the Sacrament

Beloved in the Lord, the holy supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter death of the cross. By his death, resurrection, and ascension, he established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him. And so we come to this meal in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come. This meal

unites us all into one body, as we prepare for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Invitation

Now is the time of watching and waiting – a time to expect new life.

Now is the season of hope unfolding – the dark winter season when hope is waiting to be born.

Let us gather around Christ's table with receptive and willing spirits.

May our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

All those who have been baptized, and confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the Lord's table.

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

For it is holy and right to do so!

Thank you, Lord, especially for this time of year when we get ourselves ready for your birth. You have created all of life for us. You have preserved this life by sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. Send us your Holy Spirit, we pray, that the bread which we break, and the cup which we bless may be to us the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

Communion Hymn

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (vs1)#135

Words of Institution

The Breaking of the Bread

The Sharing of the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Lord, you have fed us at your table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the Pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor requite us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father pities his children,

so the Lord pities those who fear him.

Who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,

and will also give us all things with him.

Therefore, shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord,

from this time forth forevermore. Amen.

Prayer Hymn: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (vs2) #135

Prayers of Thanksgiving (Pastor)

The 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 Hymn: “It Come Upon the Midnight Clear” #170

Benediction

Postlude

Communion Preparer -- Pam Kara

Communion Servers -- Janet Foster, Pam Kara, Franca Petrillo, Bob Ray