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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

*"This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,
says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." – Jeremiah 31:33*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 1, 2024 – First Sunday of Advent

*(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary to stand. All speak words in **boldface**.)*

PRELUDE

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

arr. John Carter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[Please take a brief moment to greet those around you.]

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE *(adapted from Joel 2:21-27)*

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ

In Christ, there is life and light for all people.

O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the LORD your God,

for he has poured down abundant rain for your vindication.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain;

the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

You shall eat plenty and be satisfied and praise the name

of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel

and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*HYMN #104

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

VALET WILL ICH
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of All, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your reign. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your commands and dismissing your judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit our neighbors, abuse the earth, and deny your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome you, and to seek the truth that endures when Christ comes to judge the world.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #85 “Light One Candle” (v. 1)

*Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish the darkness
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 21:25-36

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE [11:00]

ANTHEM [11:00]

“An Advent Prayer”

Allen Pote

*Come, holy Jesus, come to free us from our sin.
Come holy Jesus and make us pure within.
Inspire each heart with illumined surprise,
enkindle a flame anew.
Increase our faith and strengthen our lives,
show us the joy of living life in you.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“New Beginnings”

Rev. George W. Chapman III

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles’ Creed

What do we believe?

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.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Thanksgiving

May 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.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

OFFERING

***Response: Hymn #106 “Prepare the Way, O Zion” (v.1)**

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near.

Let every hill and valley, a level place appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in ancient story.

O blest is Christ who came in God’s most holy name!

***Prayer of Dedication**

***HYMN #83**

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

STUTT GART

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ushers: Barbara Montague & Linda Sing
Greeters: Audrey Lee & Joanne Prettyman
Servers: Barbara Montague, Elizabeth Lewis & Linda Stackhouse
Liturgist: Wayne Tillman
Acolyte: Steven Vattimo

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