



1st Sunday of Advent

Worship Service of First Presbyterian Church of Casa Grande

9:00 am Sunday, November 28, 2021

Processional – *Scotland the Brave*

Welcome and Announcements –

Moment for Recognition – *Denny Honodel*

Lighting the Advent Candles –

Call to Worship –

LEADER: Come, let us worship the God who comes to us.

ALL: We come with thanksgiving and awe.

LEADER: We worship the God who created us all.

ALL: We worship the God who became one of us.

LEADER: We anticipate God's coming in fullness.

ALL: We celebrate God's glorious future for us.

Hymn #503 – *Since Jesus Came into My Heart* (McDaniel)

Prayer of Confession –

ALL: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We have not made idols with our hands, but we have made them with our minds. We have taken our own thoughts and desires and molded a god that looks like us. We have taken the scriptures you have given for our enlightenment and salvation and turned them into a reflection of the way we want things to be. All of this comes from our failure to come to know you better. Forgive us and turn us from our idols to a true and deep relationship with you. Open our hearts and our minds that we may truly be your people. (Moment of silence for personal confession.)

LEADER: Forgive us and empower us with your Spirit to move forward in our life in Christ and in our openness about who we are. **Amen.**

Response #812 – *Glory Be to the Father* (Meineke)

Scripture – Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ “‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

¹⁵ “‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Special Music – *Amazing Grace*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer – Pastor Paul

Hymn #712 – *Be Still My Soul* (Finlandia)

Scripture – Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

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Sermon – Pastor Bill

Offering – Pastor Paul

Response #815 – *Doxology* (Old Hundredth)

Benediction – Pastor Bill

Sending Hymn #562 – *Be Thou My Vision* v. 3

Postlude –

Senior Pastor – Rev Paul Elgin

Audio/Visual – Carl Heinle, Janell Heinle

Associate Pastor – Bill Heinle

Organist – Stacey Seaman

Song Leader – June Graber

Bagpiper – Sandy Voris

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