

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE

(8:15) *Meditation on Rhosymedre* Lani Smith

(11:00) *Living Bread* Raney
Sanctuary Choir, Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith, Director

▲ PROCESSION OF GRATITUDE *Doxology* No. 95

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THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

GIVING AND RECEIVING THE BREAD AND WINE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

▲ HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (Stanzas 1,3,4) No. 203

▲ BLESSING THE PEOPLE

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

POSTLUDE *Choral in C Major* Samuel Wesley

Serving God and You Today

Preacher: The Rev. J. William Lentz, Jr. Liturgist: The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig

Director of Music: Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith Organist: Charles de Mets

Readers: Dick Rapson, 8:15; Chuck McClain, 11:00 a.m.

Communion Stewards: Stephanie McCurry & Evelyn Fetterman

Greeters: Sandy Rumbel, 8:15; Karla Weber, 9:30; Jean Krantz, 11:00

Head Usher: Al Zollers

Ushers: Lyn Matthew, Dick Rapson, Charlie Rumbel, 8:15
Terry Morissette, Gloria Inlander, Dick Millham, Mike Kearns, 11:00

Sound and Video: Brad Beck, Ed Travis, Rudy Cieri, Kris Borcheck



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December 2, 2018

8:15 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Charles de Mets, Organist

Arr. Rex Koury

APOSTOLIC BLESSING AND WELCOME

Pastor Bill Lentz

Welcome to our service of worship. Your presence is a great joy to us. Our hope is that you'll feel welcome and that the Spirit of God will touch your soul in worship. Please sign the *Covenant of Fellowship*, sharing as much information with which you are comfortable, and then pass it down the pew for others to sign.

▲ denotes, please stand if comfortable.

▲ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Nancy Ludwig

Pastor: Imagine the heavens split open!

People: Imagine Jesus' second advent is near!

Pastor: Be alert! Keep awake! Watch the signs!

People: This is the beginning of the good news!

Pastor: The Morning Star of hope is upon us!

People: We welcome the wonder of this season!

▲ HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Stanzas 1,2,4)

No. 211

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: It is not easy to wait during Advent's days.

People: Why are we waiting in the first place?

Pastor: Because we need time to see what God is doing.

People: Because God's ways are not our ways.

Pastor: Perhaps God is waiting for us to turn around and see!

People: O God, hear us confess that asking for forgiveness is hard.

We hurt people in many ways we would rather forget. But you will not let us forget. Even when people are impossible to love, you show us that love is possible if we are patient.

Forgive us when we lack patience and lose our way. Teach us humility to wait for and see your loving kindness in Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

INTERLUDE

Improvisation

Peeters

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Reader: With hope in our hearts, we light the first candle of Advent.

Pastor: As the flame kindles the candle with light, so the light kindles the heart with hope. We long for Christ to come to our world, to break through the clouds of uncertainty with compassion, justice, and peace.

Reader: We remember times when we longed for God to be present to us, to this congregation, and in this world. We recall with sadness the losses and tragedies we have endured over another year.

Pastor: Jesus' favorite prophet was Isaiah, who cried to God to rip open the heavens and come down. Isaiah called to God's people to do right things. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God, the potter. This advent, we call out to God.

People: O Potter God, creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and to mold us in your image. Visit us this Advent with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dick Rapson, 8:15; Chuck McClain, 11:00

EPISTLE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Pew Bible (OT), p. 738

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (11:00)

Light One Candle

Sleeth

Kids Chorus with Samara Selsor, soloist
Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith, Director

PSALTER (Response 1)

Psalm 25:1-10

No. 756

▲ ALLELUIAS

Alleluia, Alleluia (Refrain)

No. 162

▲ GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:25-36

Pew Bible (NT), p. 85

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

▲ GLORIA

Glory Be to the Father

No. 70

SERMON

Being Faithful In and Out of Season

Pastor Bill Lentz

▲ HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

No. 196

▲ INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

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All the baptized are welcome to commune at this table of the Lord. If you are not baptized, but you desire to receive Jesus, then you too are welcome at this table. We ask that you seek us out for spiritual care. Today Holy Communion will be received by the method of intinction. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.