

PASTORAL PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY

Please know your prayer request will be shared and noted on the weekly prayer page (available in the narthex) for two weeks. Please resubmit your prayer (on a yellow card) if necessary after that time. Please also be cognizant of the sensitivity some have and the confidentiality some desire in regard to their concerns. Thank you!

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

PRAYER RESPONSE (11:00) *Emmanuel* Sanctuary Choir and Disciples

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

*CLOSING HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1 & 4)* No. 211

*PASTORAL BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Disciples and Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE Improvisation on a "Voluntary in F" Charles de Mets

SERVING YOU TODAY

The Rev. Andrew Krpata
The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig
Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith, Director of Music
Charlie de Mets, Organist
Lectors – Ann Plenderleith, 8:15; Ralph Swanson, 11:00
Greeters – Nancy Neumann, 8:15; Margaret Williams, 9:30;
Fran Rosypal, 11:00
Head Usher: Al Zollers
Ushers: Lyn Matthews, Dick Rapson, Kirk Hollerbach, 8:15
Josh Meyer, Bob Gutknecht, Mike Kearns, Dick Schroeder, 11:00
Sound & Video: Brad Beck, Ed Travis, Kris Borcheck, Rudi Cieri



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December 8, 2019

8:15 a.m.

Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

**Denotes standing, for those comfortable and able. We encourage sitting during the hymns for those who have difficulty standing for longer periods of time.*

PRELUDE

Hymn at Morning Light
Charlie de Mets, Organist

Tallis

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND *GREETING

Pastor Andy Krpata

Lehman Memorial UMC warmly welcomes you to worship today!

As you are comfortable, please consider filling out the Fellowship Pad so we might offer follow-up hospitality. Also, please consider filling out the yellow prayer cards and place them in the offering so the prayer team may continue to faithfully do its work. Thank you!

*CHIMES

The chiming of the Trinity calls us to focus our attention on the worship of God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Nancy Ludwig

Pastor: Get ready, people of God! The time of hope and peace is at hand.

People: We are called to action rather than reaction.

Pastor: Open your hearts to God's word and God's will.

People: Help us to be workers for God rather than observers.

Pastor: Come, draw near to God in faith.

People Let us prepare our hearts to receive the wondrous gifts of God.

***OPENING PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Advent, you promised hope to the Israelites and you kept your promise. You promised hope in the coming of your Son, and He is hope for the world. You promised hope to the early church, and your Holy Spirit was given to all. In the past, present, and future, you promise hope to us and, we know that as hope-filled, faithful people, your promises will always come true. This we know and pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymnal No. 203

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Youth Sunday School Class

Prayer (together after reading): **Thank you God for the peace you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ann Plenderleith, 8:15; Ralph Swanson, 11:00

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 15:4-13

Pew Bible (NT) pg. 163

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (11:00)

Christmas is Coming
Sanctuary Choir, Disciples and Adult Bells
Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith, Director

Raney

SECOND READING

Matthew 3:1-12

Pew Bible (NT) pg. 37

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

***AN ADVENT AFFIRMATION**

**We believe that God has come to us;
has brought us into being,
has given us breath and purpose,
has blessed us to be a blessing to others,
and has loved us despite our brokenness.**

**We believe that God is coming to us;
to be with us and not to leave us alone,
to come to us as a particular human being,
to be known to us in flesh and bone like ours,
and to give us a new birth in Christ Jesus.**

**We believe that God will come to us;
to have the final word and that Word will be good,
to be the presence of the Spirit in us to continue God's mission,
to call new disciples to come from all the corners of the earth,
and in the last days to dry our tears and comfort our pain forever.**

SERMON

The Second Alternative: Stay Hope-Filled

Pastor Andy

***HYMN**

Blessed Be the God of Israel

No. 209

GIVING OF TITHES AND OTHER OFFERINGS

We invite you to fill out a prayer card and place it and your offering into the plates as they are passed. Please include your estimate of giving card for 2020 if you have not yet offered it.

OFFERTORY

Gloria

Couperin

***PROCESSION OF GIFTS**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 95

***OFFERING PRAYER (together)**

Holy One, this Advent season we wait in hope. And we give in hope. May our gifts be a sign to the world that our hope is in you and in the hope of your coming reign. Receive these generous offerings, we pray. Use them for your work of filling the world with hope. Amen.