

# First Sunday of Advent

## The Hanging of the Greens


December 1, 2019

Color: Violet

Today is the beginning of Advent. This is a season to prepare for the coming of the Lord. We hang greens in our sanctuary to remind us that life never ends for the believer. This corruptible must put on incorruption I Cor. 15:53.

**PRELUDE:** Come and enter the presence of God and prepare yourself for worship. Join us in enjoying God's presence as Marcia Desilets and youth band leads us in songs of praise.

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **OPENING HYMN:** *Sing We Now Of Christmas Hymn # 237*  
*The Processional and Illumination*

 **CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsively)

Leader: The time of waiting and watching is here! Are you ready?

**All: We are waiting for the Lord of peace to open our hearts.**


Leader: The Lord of Peace comes to you this day to free you from your sins.

**All: We are ready to receive the precious blessings of God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who loves us dearly.

**All: Let us praise God for God's blessings in our lives.**

**AMEN.**

 **SONGS OF WORSHIP:** *Your Grace Is Enough,*  
*Lord I Lift Your Name On High, You Are My All In All*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Pastor Cal


### OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: **CHOIR ANTHEM "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

 Doxology # 95

 Prayer of Dedication

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### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Today we welcome the Phillips family to light the first candle, the candle of Bethlehem.

### STUDENTS' PRAYER

#### Communion at the Lord's Table:

Scripture reading I Cor 11:23-33

**Prayer of Preparation Hymnal page 891**

Invitation to Receive

Distribution of the elements

**Song of Meditation of the Bread: *What Child Is This* Hymn # 219**

**Song of Meditation of the Cup: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

Hymn # 211

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

*Pastor: The Lord is with you.*

**Congregation: And also with you**

*Pastor: Lord have mercy.*

**Congregation: Christ have mercy.**

*Pastor: Let us pray*

### SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson: **Jeremiah 31:33** **Pew Bible 680**

New Testament Lesson: **Matthew 13:4-9** **Pew Bible 846**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.


**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

 **GLORIA PATRI:**

Hymn # 71

### ADVENT SERIES: Come Savior

**TODAY'S MEDITATION: *The Battle for the Heart* Pastor Cal**


 **CLOSING HYMN: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross***

Hymn # 301

*The Recessional*

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

 All who are able, please join us when we stand together as one.

Thank you for not bringing food or beverage, except water, into the Sanctuary as well as turning off your cell phone during the service ☺

## Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!

### December 1, 2019

Greeters: SCOTT & HEATHER  
NASIATKA  
Ushers: DOLLY BOUTELLE &  
ROBERT DUVAL  
Co-leader: ADAM LEBLANC  
Worship Leaders: YOUTH BAND

### December 8, 2019

Greeters: CHERI COMER  
Ushers: WAYNE & JANE CRESPO  
Co-leader: MARVIN BERNSTEIN  
Worship Leaders:

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**Moderator:** S. Mark Price

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**Director of Music:** Marcia Desilets

**Children's Ministry:** Brandy Wood

**Youth Minister:** Jennie LeBlanc

**Office Administrator:** Cheri Comer

**Church Sexton:** James Lemmer

**Nursery Attendant:** Kayte Richtarcsik

### **Offering for the week of November 17, 2019**

General \$2,305.50 Missions \$38.50 Loose Offering \$251.00  
Trust Fund \$5,000.00 Communion \$5.00

Total \$7,600.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

### **Offering for the week of November 24, 2019**

General \$1,773.50 Missions \$238.50 Loose Offering \$197.00  
Altar Flowers \$337.00 Communion \$3.00 Holly Bazaar \$2,547.75

Total \$5,096.75 Thank you for giving & God Bless!