

First Sunday of Advent

The Hanging of the Greens

December 2, 2018

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.

PRELUDE: Come and enter the presence of God and prepare yourself for worship. Join us in enjoying God's presence as Marcia Desilet and our worship team lead us in songs of praise.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG OF WORSHIP:

The Processional and Illumination

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsively)

Leader: We gather this morning as a people waiting for the Lord.

All: The one who died, rose, and will come again.

Leader: Yes, this is the truth, and the great mystery of our faith!

All: Yes! Lord Jesus, come into our hearts again this Advent Season!

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/1856/worship-connection-november-30-2014>

SONGS OF WORSHIP

PRAYER of INVOCATION: Pastor Cal

OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH


Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: **Choir Anthem-**

"Oh, Jesus, What a Wonderful Child"

 Doxology # 95

 Prayer of Dedication

HANGING OF THE GREENS LITANY

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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Today we welcome the Lawler family to light the first candle, the candle of Hope.

CHILDREN'S 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: **Isaiah 7:14-16**

Pew Bible 591

New Testament Lesson: **Matthew 24:32-44**

Pew Bible 859

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI:

Hymn # 71

ADVENT SERIES: Hope is on the Way

Pastor Cal


TODAY'S MEDITATION: *Managing Un-expectations*

CLOSING HYMN: *Once In Royal David's City* **Hymn # 250**

The Recessional

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

Thank You for turning off your cell phones and bringing only water into the sanctuary ☺

THIS WEEKS STEEPLE LIGHTING IS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ERNA LUHTJARV; GIVEN BY THE LUHTJARV FAMILY.



Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!

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Greeters: BONNIE GORDON &
BARBARA WALKER
Ushers: RICHARD GORDON &
JOHN WALKER
Co-leader: KATRINA FLEMING

December 9, 2018

Greeters: CHERI COMER &
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Ushers: JOHN & JAMES JOSLIN
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Offering for the week of November 18, 2018

General \$1,153.00 Missions \$277.50 Loose Offering \$469.00
Thanksgiving \$10.00 Holly Bazaar \$2,457.18 Communion \$2.00

Total \$4,368.18 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

Offering for the week of November 25, 2018

General \$1,920.50 Missions \$100.50 Loose Offering \$582.00
Thanksgiving Offering \$582.00

Total \$2,720.00 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

 **Merry Christmas and always have Hope with you!**