

December 1, 2024 at 10:00 am ~ Advent 1

*Indicates standing if you are able

B = Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

Prelude: *Soon He Will Appear*

arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Music: *Introit for Advent*

by Richard Benedum

Call To Worship

One: In the midst of night's shadows and anguish,

All: We pray earnestly to experience your presence.

One: As the dawn slips into the horizon and relieves the night of its reign,

All: We pray earnestly to sense your presence.

One: As daylight grows into noontime, filled with the glow of sun's light,

All: We pray earnestly to know your presence.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Opening Prayer (together)

Loving God, Creator of Our Hearts, teach us your ancient paths of love; show us your compassionate and courageous ways.

Reinvigorate within us the rebellious ways of our youth – that we may not get stuck in ruts of dusty thinking; that we may not abide unjust rules; that we may imagine more expansive futures. Ever-present Rhythm of Love – lead us not to resignation. When the night is long, sing to us songs of hope. Amen.

***Hymn: B#116 ~" O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

Prayer for Transformation/Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Service of Baptism (see insert)

Scripture Readings

Psalm 25:1-10

Sermon Rev. Journey to Christmas: Trust in God

***Hymn: # R 104** *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

The Church at Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Our Personal Prayers in Silence

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(Most in our congregation use "B" on page 9 in the black hymnal. Use the words that work best for you).*

Prayer Response *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

A Time of Offering

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Parker & Shaw

Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***Prayer of Dedication**(together)

Joyous God, Originator of all Gifts, this day and always, we celebrate the gifts of our hands and hearts. We share our talents and time, knowing our energy builds the world with love. We share our treasures, knowing that all gifts we entrust to your Church will build your Realm. With joy, we devote our fruits to loving you and your children. Amen.

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation/ Prayer of Consecration/ Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Please hold each element until all have been served.)

Communion Music meditation

Prayer of Thanksgiving (together)

Holy God, we give you thanks for the blessings we have received in the simplicity of this holy meal. As we prepare for the birth of your son, may our hearts be filled with his hope,

peace, love, and joy and may we share these gifts with others.
Amen.

***Hymn: # B 103 ~ Watcher Tell Us Of The Night**

***Benediction**

***Postlude: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen** arr. Berry

Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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Worship God, Serve Our Neighbors, Share God's Love

ANNOUNCEMENTS

M&M's (Monday Morning Needlework Group)

Join us from 10am-12pm in the parlor. Bring your handwork or just come to socialize, we'd love to see you there!

Pastoral Emergencies

If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor James via phone
Call or text (774)-993-9407

Per-diem Cleaning Position

The new Church Sexton has a fixed cleaning schedule. He is, however, not available on an as-needed basis for cleaning up after rentals or special events. If you are interested in the position of on-call cleaner, please notify Laura in the office to learn more.

Advent Food Pantry Drive

Please consider donating these items on each of the Sundays in Advent:

1st Advent: Pasta & Past Sauce

2nd Advent: Canned Vegetables

3rd Advent: Soup

4th Advent: Crackers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 1

First Advent

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am~ Refreshments

Monday, December 2 ~ M& M's

10:00am-12:00pm in the Parlor

Wednesday, December 4

7:00pm Hybrid Bible Study

In the Parlor & on Zoom

(last Bible Study Session, will resume in the new year)

Sunday, December 8

Second Advent

10:00 am ~ Worship

11:00 am ~ Refreshments

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1, 15, 22 ~ “Journey to Christmas” Advent Sermon Series

December 7 ~ Jolly Holly Christmas Festival 9-2pm

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve service 6:30pm

