

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022
Worship @ 10:30 am
Liturgist: Ryan Filpi
Advent Candle Lighters: Hardee/Belknap Family
Special Music: Rick Gomez

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Music as we prepare our hearts and minds for
worship.**

Chimes: Advent Hymns

Prelude: "Lo How A Rose 'er Blooming" **Brahms**

Welcome and Announcements

Nursery care is available for infants through age 5 in Room 116.

Kids are an important part of our church family! Each Sunday, the children are welcome to use our Prayground space during worship; parents and grandparents may sit close by. Kids and families who would prefer to sit together in the pews may pick-up worship materials to use during this time from the worship bag cart or the Prayground space.

***Lighting of the Advent Candle and Call to Worship**

One: Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE.

One: With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined."

One: Let us pray: Lord as we look to the birth of Jesus, grant that the light of your love for us will help us to become lights in the lives of those around us. Prepare our hearts for the joy and gladness of your coming, for Jesus is our hope. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** "People, Look East" **BESANÇON**
Glory to God Hymnal #105

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News. But sometimes we are unable to hear them because the source is too familiar. You call us to share the Good News with those around us. But sometimes we are unable to share, because the people know us too well. You encourage us to send messengers to other places where they will be heard better. But we can be jealous, wanting the Good News to be for us, not them. In the multitude of ways we can and have subverted your message of freedom and healing, in all the ways we have kept the Jubilee year from happening, we have left the path of true wisdom and call upon your Grace to lead us back on track. Amen.



***Kyrie Hymn #92 vs. 1**

*1 While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.*

Refrain:

*Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come.*

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Passing the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 61:1-4

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion--
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
4 They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Special Music

*Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord/
In the Bleak Midwinter/Sweet Little Jesus Boy
Schwartz/Holst/MacGimsey*

Arr. R. Gomez

Children's Moment

***Hymn**

"O Lord, How Shall I meet You"
Glory to God Hymnal #104

Valet Will ICH DIR GEBEN

New Testament Lesson Luke 18:18-30

34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

“Pray for One Another”

Please pray this week for the following members and families:

Dutch & Shelley Stortz; Ty & Christy Taylor, Rachel, Alex; Doug & Melinda Tedder, Emily, Jacob; Sarah Teja, Melissa, Eric; John & Carol Thomas, David; Tim & Kathy Thomas, Evan, Maggie; Don & Virginija Thoresen, Evija, Aidas; Tracy Thoresen-Brown; Linda Thoresen; Carla & Barry Ussery, Alex, Cam, Sean, Aidan

***Affirmation of Faith**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

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*Response & Prayer of Dedication

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER
Glory to God Hymnal #581

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, amen.

*Closing Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
Glory to God Hymnal #96

WINCHESTER NEW

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

Postlude

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

Ceonyong Lee

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