

Service for the Lord's Day

First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2014

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

We wait with hope, Approaching God, for you to hand us the bread of heaven.

We watch with hope, Bethlehem's Child, and we see the world's powers tremble at your humble approach.

We wait and watch as our hardened hearts are torn open so you can come and live with us forever.

Gathering

PRELUDE #98

"To A Maid Whose Name Was Mary"
December Hymn of the Month

Edwards, 1982

WELCOME

John Bruce Hillin

LIGHTIN OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

John & Lynn Tieken

All: ***Loving God, come and shine your light in the world!***

We will go forth from this place in hope.

*INTROIT #39

"Great is the Thy Faithfulness" (v 1)

Ruyan, 1923

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Now, in this season of waiting,

may we welcome the God who comes to restore our lives.

Now, in this season of watching,

may we see Jesus at work in the world, and rush to help him.

Now, in this season of hoping,

may we share the Spirit of wonder and joy with everyone we meet.

*HYMN #357

"The Days Are Surely Coming"

Welch Folk Melody

CALL TO CONFESSION

Advent is the season of waiting and watching, of preparing and praying, of hoping and hearing. Let us come to God, speaking of how easily we become distracted from these simple acts of Advent discipleship, as we confess our sins together first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and powerful God, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the advent of Jesus our Christ. You continually open to us the ways we are to prepare. We confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our

eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from the paths of justice and peace. We ask that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred to glorify the nativity with acts of compassion and service. We pray in the name of the Child. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

***"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Now, in this season of waiting, hear the good news: mercy, new life, hope, and joy are the gifts we receive from our God. In the name of the Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to the God of Advent, who came as a Child, who is with us in the Spirit, and who will come again in glory! Amen.

*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.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Bibles, p. 652 / LG. p.849

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #347

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Moultrie, 1864

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Mark 13: 24-37

Bibles, p. 47 / LG. p.61

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"You Just Never Know"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord, in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and

wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.” This, we believe. Amen. – *The Theological Declaration of Barmen* 8.17

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Sally Hosea

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

*HYMN #97

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” (v. 1-2)

Bowring, 1825

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #97

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” (v. 3)

POSTLUDE

Selected

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Mornings	8:30 a.m.	Choir Practice
Wednesdays	4:15-5:15 p.m.	Kids for God
Mon. 12/01	6:30 p.m.	Hanging of the Green FUMC

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