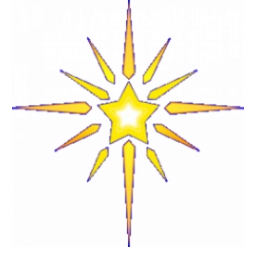
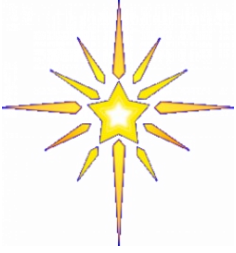


Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

November 27, 2022

ADVENT 1



*The prayers today were written by Don Quinley.

PRELUDE "Wake, Wake for Night is Coming" Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Child: Today's candle is all about Hope. Hope is when we look forward to something good. The Bible teaches us to look forward to the time when Jesus will return. In Him, we have hope.

Parent: In Psalm 80 verse 3, we read these holy words: 'Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.' (*Lighting of one purple candle*)

Parent & Child: May God bless us with hope and fill our lives with good things from Jesus. Amen.

SINGING OF ADVENT HYMN "Still" (*see below*)

HYMN #88 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

Guide: Almighty Lord, all Israel mourns for Your redemption, for You are a God of compassion and love for Your people. You alone can restore righteousness to Your people through the ransom price of Your Son who came into the world for our sake. Move our hearts to turn to You and remember the days of Your Advent.

People: *Gracious and Everlasting God, in this first Sunday of Advent, we implore You to come and ransom us for You are mighty and we confess that we are weak. You are righteous and we confess that we are sinful. You are faithful and will always keep Your promises, but we are shallow and scurry to pragmatic paths of least resistance. We confess that we are faithless and fearful at times. Save us, Almighty King. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins to You.*

- Silent Confessions -

Guide: Heavenly Father, hear us when we call on You for mercy. Sweep away our sin and let Your Son's cleansing work renew us. Draw us near to Your Holiness by reminding us that we are reunited to You through Christ's effectual work. Bless us as we pray the prayer He taught: "***Our Father, Who art in heaven...THE LORD'S PRAYER***" (*debts/debtors*).

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Guide: The Lord watches over all who love Him, therefore we will rejoice in knowing that our Redeemer lives and that Jesus has joyfully restored us to God, both now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Nancy Berry, organ & Janice James, piano

PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Pastor: Merciful Lord, hearken to our prayers, for You are the source of all restoration. Just as in Christ's miraculous works, You have the power to overcome all things that hinder, harm, or hurt the spirit, soul, mind and body. We see Your compassionate ways and yet sometimes we are doubters that these blessings can be ours. Patiently remind us that You do not withhold any good from us.

People: Loving God, we pray for Your healing of our families and friends, of our church and community, for our country and world. We have beaten our plowshares into weapons and parsed our words into hateful missiles. Heal our tongues and our warring ways. Heal us and our loved ones in the middle of the night when the evil one tries to make us doubt the truth of Your love for us and our families. You know the issues, the sickness, and enduring problems they each have. Please, Lord, hear our prayers on their behalf and save us from all that would diminish or damage the body, mind, heart, and soul. Hear us now as we silently pray for Your healing.

- *Silent Prayers for others and ourselves. A candle is lit.* -

Pastor: The Lord is abounding in steadfast love for His people. He will ransom and restore. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Reader: Holy Spirit, illumine us, we pray. Only Your teaching truly reveals the mysteries of the Word of God. In the Lord's Name, we ask. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

1-2 This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills and all nations will stream to it.

3 Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

4 He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

5 Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

ALL: This is the Word of the Lord. Amen.

Matthew 24:36-44

36-37 “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

38-39 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

40-41 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

42-43 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.

44 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE “Get Ready!” Rev. John Stuart, Pastor

OFFERING “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***God, Whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, Costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.***

DEDICATION

Lord Jesus, in response to Your words, we make this combined offering and bring it to You. Bless it for the life and ministry of God’s Kingdom through the work of this congregation. In Your Holy Name, we freely and gladly give. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #819 “Be Still, My Soul”

BENEDICTION

May God’s Holy Spirit light the candle of Advent and love in our hearts today. And may we be sent forth to proclaim the Good News that God comes to us in a mystery as a child, to the glory of the One, Triune, and Living God. Amen.

POSTLUDE “Prepare the Royal Highway” by Robert Hobby

Still, Still, Still

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STILL, STILL, STILL 3.6.9.8.3.6

Austrian carol
Trans. George K. Evans (b. 1917)

Austrian melody
Arr. Walter Ehret (b. 1918)

1. Hope, hope, hope, May Earth be filled with hope. The
2. Peace, peace, peace, May Earth be filled with peace. The

hope that fills the world with glad-ness, Ta-king a-way our tears of sad-ness
peace of God which we are shar-ing, Show-ing the way our faith is ca-ring

Hope, hope, hope, May Earth be filled with hope.
Peace, peace, peace, May Earth be filled with peace.

Pray for one another...



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FOLLOW-UP READINGS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Zechariah 11:1-17	Zechariah 12:1-14	Zechariah 13:1-9	Zechariah 14:1-21
1 Timothy 4:1-16	1 Timothy 5:1-25	1 Timothy 6:1-21	2 Timothy 1:1-18
FRIDAY		SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Malachi 1:1-14		Malachi 2:1-17	Isaiah 11:1-10
2 Timothy 2:1-13		2 Timothy 2:14-26	Matthew 3:1-12

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Isaiah 2:5 Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord. (NIV)

This is the season of light as we celebrate Christ's coming into the world as a child, as well as watching and waiting for His return as our Lord. May our witness to Christ's Light be lovingly shown to everyone we encounter – our families and friends, colleagues and others – so that they may also experience the gladness of God in their lives. ☺

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