

COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, November 27, 2016

Worship 11:00am

First Sunday of Advent

+ All who are able may stand

*Regular type, one speaks; **bold type, everyone speaks.***

Preparing Ourselves

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

+Call to Worship

L: The time is coming when the Lord shall pour his most special blessing on the earth.

P: We want to be ready for that time. What should we do?

L: Be vigilant. Keep your hearts, minds, and spirits open to God's word.

P: Help us, O Lord, to be aware of all of your blessings.

L: Come, let us celebrate God's love for us.

P: Make our hearts ready to receive your Gift of Hope, O Lord.

+Prayer of the Day

We do wait in hope for you, God of advent, hoping for the day that your kingdom will be realized and all humans will know your love and grace. Enable us to share our hope for a better way of living that we find in the way of Jesus; the same Jesus who teaches us to pray, saying *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 now and forever. Amen.*

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

+Hymn of Praise

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Passing of the Peace

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a handshake and/ or the exchange of the peace.

Advent Candle Lighting

Candle lighting *This morning we light the first candle which reminds us that even in the midst of darkness, the light of hope shines. Jesus Christ is the promised one of God, the light of the world. May this light of hope illuminate our hearts throughout this Advent season. (the candle of hope is lit.)*

A Time for Children and Families—Hanging of the Chrismons

When children are present, they and their parents may come forward to hear a special message.

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

God of light and life, open our hearts and minds to your word, that we may find in it hope for our lives and for the world. Amen.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

Transformational Hope

Rev. Sharon Carter

Responding With Thanks and Praise

Communion Hymn

Come, Share the Lord

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The Service of Giving

Prayer of Dedication

Musical Offering

+Response of Praise

O Come, All Ye Faithful (refrain only)

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O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Celebration of Holy Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy holy holy is the Lord of hosts (2x)

The whole world is full of his glory (3x)

Holy is the Lord!

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Breaking of the Bread, Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Going Forth to Love and Serve

+Sending Hymn

Song of Hope

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+The Charge

+The Benediction

+ The Postlude