



Order of Worship

Striving to be what Christ tells us through Scripture.

December 1, 2024

1st Sunday in Advent

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

arr. John Carter

Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME

Our Approach to God

RESPONSIVE READING

from Psalm 86

Leader: Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

People: Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.

Leader: You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

People: Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Leader: For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

People: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, in the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

*HYMN

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Stephanie Budinich & Family

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

People: WE ARE WATCHING FOR THE LIGHT, WATCHING FOR GOD'S BEACON OF DAZZLING LIGHT TO SHEPHERD US HOME.

Leader: In the darkest night, our eyes search for glimmers of light.

People: WE ARE WATCHING FOR THE LIGHT, WATCHING FOR GOD'S DAZZLING LIGHT TO SHEPHERD US HOME.

Leader: In our darkest night of hopelessness, our spirits long for God's hope, the coming of His Son, and we remember the words of the psalmist:

ALL: RESTORE US, O GOD; MAKE YOUR FACE SHINE UPON US, THAT WE MAY BE SAVED.

(Light a purple candle)

Leader: The candle we light today reminds us of the light we seek. His name is Jesus who said, "I am the Light of the world."

Luke 1: 26-38 God's Calling You

Meaning of the Sacrament

- Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the holy supper which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.
- People: **We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.**
- Leader: By His death, resurrection, and ascension He established a new and eternal covenant of grace and reconciliation that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by Him.
- People: **We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.**
- Leader: In the breaking of the bread He makes Himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.
- People: **In the cup of blessing He comes to us as the Vine in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.**
- Leader: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when His kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold Him, made like unto Him in His glory.
- People: **Since by His death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.**

Communion Prayer

- Leader: The Lord be with you.
- People: **And also with you.**
- Leader: Lift up your hearts!
- People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
- Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- Leader: With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore Your glorious name.
- People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**
- Leader: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:
- People: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Exegesis (Background)

1. Gabriel _____ Mary in Nazareth.
2. The Spirit will make the _____ happen.
3. Mary is of _____ status.

Life Application

We _____ have a calling from God.

God tends to call people of low _____.

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