

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" #65

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."

CHANCEL CHOIR "Advent Promise" Douglas Wagner

The Word of God

*HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" screens

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE 1 Samuel 3:6-10 p. 247 (OT)

Luke 1:26-38 p. 56 (NT)

Curtis Stock, liturgist

SERMON "God's Calling You" Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Meaning of the Sacrament (Responsive) insert Communion Prayer (Responsive) insert

Communion Closing Prayer

Our Response to God

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN "Come. Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #244

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" arr. John Carter

Amy Duran, piano

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Lynn Baker; Sharon Brahs; DeAnna and Roger Carman; Ernie Hepperle; Wini Kinkele; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Robin Schwarte; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian; Barry Wood.

UNITY PRAYER: God, we pray that you would cleanse our thoughts and desires when they don't line up with your will as followers of your Son, and our Savior, Jesus. We thank you, Lord, that your mercy is endless.

THE FLOWERS are given by Chris Doyle in loving memory of Jean Dollman and by Dorothy Abelman in loving memory of her parents and grandparents.

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTERS ARE NEEDED FOR DECEMBER 22 AND CHRISTMAS EVE! Ushers and greeters are also needed. Please sign up in the narthex.

THANK YOU TO ALL who participated in Operation Christmas Child. We delivered 37 boxes to the Evangelical Church in Cresskill. They were most appreciative.

IT's THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! If you'd like to contribute to our Christmas poinsettia display, please use the envelopes that are in the pews or on the table in the Narthex. Make your checks payable to the Guild for Christian Service. Thank you.

THE RAMSEY WIND SYMPHONY will perform a free concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 15 at 4 PM. It will be about an hour. We hope you will come and enjoy.

THIS WEEK

Monday	7:45	Bell Choir
Tuesday	7:30	Consistory
Thursday	7:30	Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 8, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

9:00 Chancel Choir

10:00 – Worship, Sunday School & Puppets

11:15 - Alleluia (Children's) Choir

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, December 8 – 2nd Sunday in Advent **Sunday, December 15**– 3rd Sunday in Advent
Cookies, Crafts and Cocoa (and lunch)

10 AM—Worship
12 noon to 2 PM

Ramsey Wind Symphony in concert in the sanctuary 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 22—4th Sunday in Advent

10 AM Christmas Musicale

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Christmas Candlelight Services at 7 and 11 PM

Sunday, December 29 10 AM—Worship

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!

Luke 1: 26-38 God's Calling You

Exegesis (Background)

1. Gabriel	Mary in Nazareth.	
2. The Spirit will make thehappen.		
3. Mary is of	status.	
<u>Life Application</u>		
We ha	ave a calling from God.	
God tends to call people of low		

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