

MORNING WORSHIP

November 28, 2021

Half past Ten O'Clock

First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. John David Peterson

CHORAL INTROIT "The People Who Walked in Darkness" ISAIAH 9

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

UNISON PRAYER

Dear God, we gather joyfully and with deep commitment; for we have heard that a special child is to come, for God is among us. We are people of Hope, in His name. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

**Holy God, we aspire to love and trust You,
but so often we get in the way of ourselves.
We see only the deep sadness of the world,
and do not notice Your people at work amid the sorrow.
We assume that things will never get better,
and do not see all that is good right now.
We close our eyes and complain about the darkness,
rather than see the light that shines all around us.
Help us, Holy One. Help us to grow in love and trust, in compassion and hope, so that as the Christ Child comes to us once again, we will see Him, and know Him, and rejoice. Amen.**

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 55:6-7

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!
Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

+*HYMN 106

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, elementary children are invited to the Chapel.
Younger children are invited to the Chapel with a parent anytime.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:1-8, pew Bible, pg. 910

SERMON

"Prepare the way of the Lord"

Margo Richardson

HYMN 92

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

WAITING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND THE CUP

*(Gluten free bread is available in sealed packets on the Communion tray.
Please hold the elements until all are served so that we may commune in unison.)*

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

GENEVAN 42

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RESPONDING TO THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

arr. A. Parker and R. Shaw

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Holy God, as we journey down this Advent road, grant us the courage to make peace. Peace in our hearts, Peace in our homes and Peace in our communities. Accept these gifts of our hands, our hearts, our actions and our resources so that all may have a place at the table. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 82

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare on Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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