

MORNING WORSHIP

December 1, 2019

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 "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" LLANGLOFFAN

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE Meredith and John McCormick Family

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.

+*HYMN 8 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, kindergarteners and first graders are invited to Children's Worship. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 24:36-44, pew Bible, pg. 903

SERMON "Advent Apocalypse" Rush Otey

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Lullay My Liking" Darin Lewis

*DOXOLOGY (*Hymn 592*) OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

As we enter into the season of Advent, O holy and loving God, we pray that You will strengthen us as we seek those glimmers of light that promise Your coming into our lives again. Help us to see in each fragmentary moment the promise of that greater fulfillment to come. Keep us alert and expectant each day for those ways You surprise us by shining forth in the darkness of our world. Call us anew each day into the ministry of witness and service given us at baptism, so that all our speaking and doing may point not to ourselves, but to the Christ whose coming we await. Strengthen our conviction that a new world is coming to birth, and that we are its witnesses and servants. Grant that all those touched by the ministry of this church may see Your promised fulfillment in our deeds. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*HYMN 5

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PICARDY

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.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 1 (Verse 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

STUTTGART

**Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.**

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*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 sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack 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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