

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

PREPARATION, PROMISES, AND PRAISE

(We invite you to quiet yourself in preparation for the worship of God when you hear the prelude music.)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO SHARE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Prelude "Come Now, Savior of the Heathen" Bach

Call to Worship The Rev. Robert Smith

Leader: You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

People: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near.

Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

All: Come, let us worship God. —based on Romans 13:11-12

*Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196

*Prayer of Adoration

*Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of Advent and of every season, we confess the self-sufficiency that refuses to acknowledge the need of a Savior, that will not look beyond what is to what will be, that neither hopes for nor expects the fulfillment of your promises, considering them to be for another age—an age gone by. Although you have promised to be our provider in the present and in the future as in the past, we confess our lack of trust in your word which causes us to often think we must make it through this life completely on our own. Even though you have shown yourself as the God who is able to make all things new, we confess the doubt that infiltrates our faith; that makes us vulnerable to losing hope or to not expecting the future to be any different than the present. Forgive us and grant us this grace, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior, Jesus Christ, came among us in great humility, will sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. Believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri No. 579

(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

Lighting of the Advent Candle Aaron & Sarah Burton

LISTENING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Children’s Time The Rev. Robert Smith

*Hymn of Preparation "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers: HS No. 4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5 Page 676

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Rowan
Chancel Choir, Michael Ridenhour, solo

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 24:36-44 Page 982

Sermon "Don’t Miss the Boat" The Rev. Robert Smith

RESPONSE IN DEDICATION AND OBEDIENCE

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord’s Prayer

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles’ Creed" Page 742

The Offering of Ourselves to God and to One Another

Our Greetings

Offertory "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" arr. Cummins

*"The Doxology" No. 731

*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to our Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Take the bread as served; hold the cup to take together.)

*Hymn "Lift Up Your Heads, ye Mighty Gates" No. 198

Advent Amen "Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, oh Israel. Amen!"

Postlude "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Is Calling" Nicolai/Bach

**The Congregation is asked to stand, as you are able.*

CALENDAR

Today, 11/27 - Sunday School, 9:00 am; Worship, 10:30 am; Prayer Gathering, 5:00 pm
Monday, 11/28 - Church office closed on Mondays; Roanoke Valley Choral Society Concert, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, 11/29 - SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 9:30 am; Men’s ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm; Adult Bible Study (ABS), 5:15 pm; Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 11/30 - Youth Group, 6:00 pm; First Kids, 6:00 pm; Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm
Thursday, 12/1 - Men’s Breakfast, 7:00 am.; Staff Mtg., 10:00 am; Men’s Bible Study, 2:30 pm
Friday, 12/2 – Prayer Mtg., 10:00 am

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REMINDERS

Elders: Bill Gearhart, Emery St. Cyr
Sound System: Kaye Wilkerson, Scott Rice, Rea Brown
Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30): Nov. 27 - Doug & Marlene Flynn; Dec. 4 – Robert & Donna Broyles; Dec. 11 - CP & Carol Lockhart; Dec. 18 - Don & Wendy Andree; Dec. 25 - Nancy Poore
Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30): Nov. 27 - Nov. 27 - Bill & Karen Brooks; Dec. 4 - Ed & Debbie Bennett; Dec. 11 - Barry & Anne Webb; Dec. 18 - Tom & Helen Thompson; Dec. 25 - Jeff & Pat Povtak
Deacons on Duty: Nov. 27 - Lynn Wimmer, Brenda White-Edwards Dec. 4 – Alison Boozer; Kim Smith; Dec. 11 - Melanie Rice, Marcia Ridenhour; Dec. 18 – Carolyn Keyes, Sidney Keyes; Dec. 25 – Debbie Bennett, Mary Thornhill
Acolytes: Nov. 27 - Emma and Kylie Woolard; Dec. 4 - Bryleigh Trevett; Dec. 11 - Elizabeth Rice; Dec. 18 - Charlotte Bain

Children's Worship:

Nov. 27 - Advent 1, The Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem (#17); Leader: Deborah Mattern; Greeter: Chris Ayers
Dec. 4 - Advent 2, Mary and Joseph Show the Way to Bethlehem (#18); Leader: Deborah Mattern; Greeter: Mike Trail
Dec. 11 - Advent 3, The Shepherds Show the Way to Bethlehem (#19); Leader: Deborah Mattern; Greeter: Chris Ayers
Dec. 18 - Advent 4, The Magi Show the Way to Bethlehem (#20); Leader: Deborah Mattern; Greeter: Delaney McLaughlin

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PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK: - Pray for grace that you may rejoice in the Lord always. 1 Thess. 5:16; Phil. 4:4; Deut. 28:47; Prov. 12:25

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PCC Food Needs - December - Beef Stew

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Please join us today from 5 to 5:45 pm in the Parlor for our monthly prayer gathering.

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Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today’s service

Pastor: The Rev. Robert D. Smith
Director of Music & Children’s Ministries: Mrs. Patricia K. Trail
Director of Youth & Christian Education: Mr. Pete G. Guillard
Organist: Mr. William Turner
Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose