

Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021



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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Opening Voluntary *Nun komm, der heiden Heiland* J. S. Bach

Welcome

◆ Hymn 93 **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates** TRURO

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent (Hope) 8:30 Lucy Burnette and Barb Mann
11:00 Peter Gates and Michael Lester

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

Prophets like Jeremiah pointed to a future hope, a Savior. No one knew when he would come. They only hoped they would recognize the Messiah. We too wait with hope for the One who has come and is coming.

We watch and prepare.

*A spark of hope lights the way,
clearing our vision to recognize God's glory in our midst.*

With joyful expectation, we look for the coming of the Messiah.

Anthem *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* Yiddish folk tune
text can be found at no. 85 in the hymnal arr. Richard Erickson

Call to Confession

*We come before God seeking light and guidance in the darkness of our lives.
Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, together let us confess our sin.*

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, you come among us bringing justice and joy. We confess that, too often, we do not trust in your promise. Awaken us to your presence and fill us with your love. Forgive us when our hunger for justice gives way to our hunger for power. Forgive us when our hope for peace is swallowed by our fear of failure. Forgive us when our songs of faith are drowned out by the shouts of the world. Merciful God, come among us and make all things new.

Silent Prayer

Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal no. 83

**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.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.*

**Christ is our peace.
Let us rejoice and walk in the light of the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

◆ Congregational Response

**Let the nations shout and sing, glory to their Savior bring;
All below and all above sing your praise with joy and love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

◆ Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Anthem (11:00)

Come Now, Savior of the Nations
text can be found at nos. 102 and 103 in the hymnal

Michael Burkhardt

Gospel Lesson

Luke 21:9-19, 25-28

◆ Hymn 88 (11:00)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
verses 1, 2, 6 & 7

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Sermon

When Things Fall Apart

Ken Henry

What's Happening at Westminster

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School (children are not meeting)

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 1

7 p.m. 20/30 CreW Wednesday Wind-Down

Thursday, December 2

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary, Special Music

9:30 a.m. Church School

10 a.m. Coffee with Ken in the Gathering Place

12 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12 p.m. Fellowship Hour in the Fellowship Hall

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal

1 p.m. UKirk and 20/30 CreW Feeding Families Service Project

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