

Worship Service ~ November 28, 2021 10:30

First Sunday in Advent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast sponsored by Micki Hartmann
in memory of her husband Steve on their anniversary.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LITANY FOR ADVENT

L: Beware, keep alert!

C: The Savior is coming!

L: Beware, keep alert! The Christ Child is coming!

Let us worship and bow down before Christ who was, and is, and is to come.

C: For he is the Savior of the world, and the hope of the ages.

OPENING SONG **WAITING** (we light the 1st candle, Watch)

Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord.

Fill the mind 'til we find Your light, Your truth.

Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Waiting, we are waiting, Lord.

Fill the mind 'til we find Your will, your way.

Now let us know Your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God be with us.

We welcome You with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us.

God be with us. Emmanuel.

List'ning, We are list'ning, Lord. List'ning, we are list'ning, Lord.

Draw near, let us hear Your Word for us.

Now let us know Your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God be with us.

We welcome You with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us.

God be with us. Emmanuel.

Patience, give us patience, Lord. Patience, give us patience, Lord.

When we pray, give us faith That You hear ev'ry prayer.

As we're waiting...

We are waiting...waiting.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

L: Watch! Wait! The day of God is near.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special child is to come, that God is to be among us, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

L: We watch and wait in anticipation, for Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again.

C: Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who awakens our hearts to overcome the despair of our ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE WITH DEACON NINA

R: A reading from Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

R: A Gospel reading from the 21st chapter of Luke.

Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

SONG OF THE DAY *Song of Hope*

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

MUSICAL OFFERING *“Come Light Our Hearts”* by Sandra McCracken

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: We pray, Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Open Up the Heavens*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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