

Worship Service ~ November 27, 2022 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 Women of Faith.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG *God of this City*

HOLY BAPTISM OF ADELIN GEISELHART

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.

SONG *Prepare the Way*

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

R: A Gospel reading from the 24th chapter of Matthew.

Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

MUSICAL OFFERING *Even So Come*



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OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: We pray, **Eternal God,**

C: you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these gifts and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. 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 *WAITING*

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.

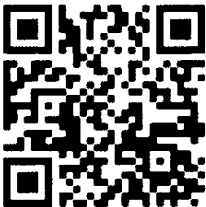
Now let us know Your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God be with us.
We welcome You with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us.
God be with us. Emmanuel.

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.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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