



WELCOME TO WORSHIP
DECEMBER 1, 2019



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am
12:00 noon
1:00 pm

Family Worship Service
Fellowship Hour
Choir Practice



WORSHIP SERVICE

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First Sunday of Advent

During Advent, the Church turns its gaze toward both the first and second coming of Jesus Christ. This season is an opportunity for Christians to prepare themselves for Christmas through longing and a renewed desire for God's rule in the midst of everyday life. Advent practices of prayer and repentance look back to remember the faithfulness of God revealed through the birth of Jesus, and forward to "the blessed hope of His glorious appearing." (Titus 2:13)

GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: (based on Joel 2:1, 15-16)

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand.

Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.

Gather the people for a solemn meeting; bring together the elders and gather the children.

Come, let us worship our God who is coming!

PRaise

Songs of Praise:

"Here I Am to Worship" (#567)

"Imagine" (#72 vs. 1-3)

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" (#526)

God's Greeting

As we enter this season of Advent, may the love of God the Father, and the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with us all. Amen!

Choral Anthem: "Go Tell It, Children!"

Renewal

Advent Readings

Hear this call to confession from Joel 2:

"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and

compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing— grain offerings and drink offerings for you to offer to the Lord your God.

Join in this prayer from Psalm 80:

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your might; come and save us. Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. Amen.

We light this first candle of hope as we wait for the fulfillment of God's promises. Hear these words from Luke 1:

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Hymn of Response: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (#56 vs. 1-2)

communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (#538 vs. 1)

Institution

Creed and Lord's Prayer

Invitation

Distribution (during passing of bread and cup)

"Behold the Lamb" (#840 vs. 1-3)

***Response of Praise:** "Behold the Lamb" (#840 vs. 4)

RESPONSE

Offering: General Fund

***Offering Response:**

"Lord of All Good, Our Gifts We Bring to You" (#879 vs. 1)

PROCLAMATION

Scripture: Luke 1:5-25 (p. 1067)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: You Will Call Him John

***Hymn of Response:** “Blessed Be the God of Israel” (#67 vs. 1-3)

SENDING

***Sending & Benediction**

***Doxology:** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (#965)

Postlude

Participants: Rev. Mark Hofman

Pianist: Joan DeWindt

Advent Readers: Suk & Jinhee Lee Family



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