

An Order for the Worship of God

November 28, 2021 Advent Hope

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Candle Lighting and Prelude

*Please stand, if able

* Call to Worship: based on xxx (Liturgist – **Congregation**)

The days are shorter and darkness comes early to our lives.

Lord, hear our prayers through the darkness.

Come, seek the Lord. Place your hope in God's mercy and love.

Lord, we seek your presence among us.

Look closely! God is making us ready.

Brighten our Spirits this day, and help us to receive your Good News.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Bill and Nancy Wallace

*Opening Hymn: #92, v.1-3 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Opening Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

We can hardly believe it, Lord. The Advent season is upon us. We usually translate that into the buying season in preparation for THE BIG DAY. But when we place our hope in the tinsel, wrappings, tape and boxes, we forget the most glorious gift of all, the gift of God's absolute love. Open our eyes, our hearts, our spirits today to behold God's gracious love for us in the fulfillment of all God's promises. For we ask this in the name of Jesus. Our Father... (Debts/ Debtors)

Call to Confession

Moment of Confession

It is so easy for us, Lord, to let the anger, frustration, and fear overshadow our lives. We can't seem to escape it. We try to find some way to cover it up, but it remains. And in our anxiety, we act out our fear in ways which are not helpful and, far too often, go

against the ways you have taught us to live. We feel the pressure to give, and resentment in giving. We feel the push to be present at every upcoming event, and want to run and hide. Help us, Lord. Heal our wounded spirits. Free us again to look to you for Hope. Let us see the many ways in which you are present to us..... guiding, healing, loving, encouraging us. Forgive us for our fears and our stubbornness. Bring us again to your light, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

"The days are coming", says the prophet Isaiah, "when all God's promises will be fulfilled." These promises of hope, peace, joy, and love are for you. Receive the hope that God offers to you today.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3;9-13

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thank be to God.

* Gloria Patri: #558 (PILGRIM)

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: May the reading and the hearing of Your word inform our minds, comfort our souls and guide our feet.

Sermon

* Responsive Hymn: #356, v.1,3&4 My Hope is Built on Nothing
Congregational Prayer

Call for the Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Eternal God, let us be counted among the givers. Catch us in the act of giving. Accept these gifts of our devotion, move with them

hard hearts and stir the mighty ocean with your faith and hope and love, in the light of which we give them. Amen

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Invitation to the Meal

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Distribution

Communion will be received today in the pews. Eat the bread when received. Hold the wine/ juice until all receive.

Children are invited to Communion at the discretion of their parents.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

*Closing Hymn # 85,v.1-3 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Benediction

God's presence and promises are real. Go now into God's world, trusting in God's love and placing your hope in God.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Extinguishing the Candles

Postlude

Worship Leaders

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Liturgist

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Sunday School Director

Pastor Joseph Hackett

Paul Isaacson

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We are happy you are here!

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