

REACH OUT IN CHRIST
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

10:00 AM

Prelude “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” Bach

Welcome

Hymn “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” #196

Call to Worship

One: We come from a world of darkness

All: Into Christ’s world of light.

One: We come from a world of weariness

All: Into God’s strength and hope.

One: We come from a slumbering world.

All: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ.

(Also share your concerns through FB Live comments.)

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Opening Prayer

We confess, Gracious God, that we have not always turned to you for guidance. At times, we have allowed the world’s time to dominate your time. Forgive us for our sins of hurriedness and impatience. Forgive us when we have slumbered instead of remaining alert, waiting and watching for you. Forgive us for allowing the world’s fears to become our fears. Shine upon us this Advent season so that we may be restored unto you. Guide us into your time. As we call upon your name, hear our prayers and give us life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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Anthem Choir: “Advent Gift” P. Lieberger
Flute –Judy Simpson

Scripture Luke 21:29-36

Sermon “Keeping it Simple” Pastor John

Hymn “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” #206

Postlude “Majesty” Hayford

Circle of Prayer—Maytum family, Sandra Buck, Douglas Pike, Larry Thompson, Kittie Brown, Charlie Monroe, Brenda and Mike Smeby, Sergei Barth, Jack Eckardt, Aida Weldon, Murphy Mullens, Tom Hannon, George Kranz, Lettie Witt, Terry Polen, Rod and Michelle Bailey, Jessica Strande, Cheryl Chmura, Susan Granner, Kay Cooper, Fiona Kishundyal, Jeanne Summerford

***SANCTUARY IS OPEN**—But we are not back to normal yet due to the continuation of the COVID19 pandemic. **We need to be vigilant especially because of the new virus variants. Masks are encouraged and recommended if you are unvaccinated. Please get your vaccination to minimize the possibility of getting infected or infecting others.** Sitting will be in every other pew for the time being. Don’t come if you are feeling sick. Thanks for your cooperation!

***NEW CRAFTING GROUP**—Meeting Monday, 11/29 at 10am upstairs in the former Sunshine Room, now named Craft Room. Come for fellowship and all kinds of crafts like sewing/crocheting. Materials and equipment provided. Just come. If you are interested but can’t make it please call Donna at 502-435-8843.

***CHOIR**—Practice Wednesdays at 6pm

***UMW**—Christmas Luncheon on 12/4 at noon in Henderson Hall.

***BIBLE STUDY**—New Advent bible study starting 12/1 at 10:30am. This week: Mark 1.1-15

***CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN**—Angel names from Richey Elementary are available. Contact Jean Ann Lewis; call/text 610-505-2940 if you would like to make a child's Christmas better. I (Jean Ann) will have the names on Sunday so that you can choose their name and see what they are interested in. My heart is breaking with some of the simple requests (pillow/blankets, coats). Others ask for the big items like bikes/expensive computer games. You are not expected to purchase these items but it will provide ideas as to what they are interested in. We need to have all gifts (**NOT WRAPPED**) back to church by 12/12. You can place items in the Nursery Room or drop them off at the office between 9-12 Monday-Thursday. Let's put joy back into the hearts of children.

Luke 21:29-36, A lesson from the fig tree

²⁹ Jesus told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that God's kingdom is near. ³² I assure you that this generation won't pass away until everything has happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

³⁴ "Take care that your hearts aren't dulled by drinking parties, drunkenness, and the anxieties of day-to-day life. Don't let that day fall upon you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. It will come upon everyone who lives on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Stay alert at all times, praying that you are strong enough to escape everything that is about to happen and to stand before the Human One."

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