

Benediction

Postlude 8:30 am "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" arr. Raney

Leading in Today's Service

Worship Leaders: Pastor Matt, Michael Rivers, Bruce Emery

Pianist/Organist: Anna Nichols, Penny Hall

Worship Music Team (varies): Steve Hall, Penny Hall, Beverly Brown, Jim Buckmaster, Pam Carnahan

Media Team (varies): Paul Stutesman, Todd Haworth, Wayne Brown, Kate Haworth, Bruce McCloskey, Bonnie McCloskey, Dorita Reed, Randy Schuchardt, Peggy Kuch

Slides: Rita Frick and Lauren Corder

Next Sunday's Worship--December 5, Second Sunday of Advent

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Malachi 3:1-4, *Luke 1:68-79; "The Tender Mercy of God"

Every parent has high expectations for their children, but Zechariah's are especially grand. Through the Spirit, he prophesies that his son will have a special place in salvation history. What is our role? God's tender mercy shines light on those in darkness.

(Announcements, see insert.)



First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude "O Worship the King" arr. Smith

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting 8:30 am Kyle, Jamie, Brynn, Colin Christensen
11:00 am Sandy Schultz & Marty Melcher

Call to Worship

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. May the Spirit prepare us to welcome him.

Come, Lord Jesus!

May our keeping of the Advent season open our hearts.

Come, Lord Jesus!

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Loving God, in grateful expectation, we await the coming of our Savior. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we begin this season of Advent, and may the light of this candle reflect the splendor of Christ.

Songs of Praise "Imagine" #72
"He Knows My Name" #339
"Holy Is the Lord" #597
"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" #538

Prayer of Confession

Almighty Father, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused that make it difficult for others to forgive us. We confess the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong and the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves. Lord have mercy and forgive us of our sins. Please grant us the power of your Holy Spirit to conquer sin in our lives and to reflect your light in the world. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

In Jesus' name, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 Bruce Emery

Time for Young Disciples Chris Watkins

Scripture Reading Luke 21:25-36

Sermon "Past Is Prologue" Pastor Matt

Responding to the Word

Hymn of Response "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" #476

Offering

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" #56