



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

Prelude: "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

Gathering

Lighting the Advent Candles

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope.

Reader: The prophet Isaiah gives us a vision of a coming kingdom where everything has been made new and creation is at peace.

Reader: A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him – the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord – and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 11: 1-3

Reader: We light this candle of hope as a sign of our expectant waiting for the coming of Christ.

All Singing: 61 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Singing verses 1, 4, and 7

God's Greeting
Passing the Peace

Reconciliation

Liturgist: Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

All: Lord, we have sinned against you and our neighbors by that which we have done and that which we have left undone. Lord have mercy.

Liturgist: Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

All: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself. Don't let us turn away from you; revive us, as we call on your name.

Liturgist: Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.
Psalm 80: 17-19 adapted

All Singing: "Shine on Us" *Michael W. and Deborah D. Smith*

**Lord, let your light, light of your face, shine on us.
Lord, let your light, light of your face, shine on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night, let your light shine on us.**

**Lord, let your love, love with no end, come over us.
Lord, let your love, love with no end, come over us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life;
To find our way in the darkest night, let your love come over us.
Let your light shine on us.**

The Baptism of Ellie Lynn Lydon

Minister: Having heard God's gracious promises to us in Christ, do you desire that Ellie Lynn be baptized?

Parents: We do.

All: With joy we celebrate together the gift of God's grace in Christ!

Minister: In presenting your child for baptism, desiring that Ellie Lynn be grafted into Christ as a member of his body do you receive the teachings of the Christian faith, which we confess in the Creeds of the church?

Parents: Yes! We trust in him as our Lord and Savior. We intend to be Christ's faithful disciples, trusting in his promises, obeying his Word, honoring his church, and showing his love, with God's help as long as we shall live.

Minister: Will the congregation please stand and with these parents proclaim your faith using the words from the Apostle's Creed.

All: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Covenant Vows
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Baptism

Welcome

Minister: Some of us will have the privilege of encouraging Ellie Lynn often, over the course of many years. Others of us may not be able to do so. Yet we all speak words of promise and welcome, speaking on behalf of Christ's whole church, in time and space, and committing ourselves to live lives of Christian encouragement wherever God calls us.

Brothers and sisters, we now receive Ellie Lynn into Christ's church. I charge you to nurture and love her and to assist her to be Christ's faithful disciple.

All: With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome you, Ellie Lynn, into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you and to help you know and follow Christ.

Duet: 709 "Jesus Loves Me"
Singing verses 1 and 2

Proclamation

All: Immanuel, as we wait for your return, help us to see your glory and love through the reading and preaching of your Word. We pray in your name. Amen.

Scripture: Mark 13: 24-37

"But in those days, following that distress,
"the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'

"At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Apocalyptic Waiting

All Singing: 476 "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"
Singing verses 1, 2, 4 and 5

Dedication

Prayers of the People

All Singing: 92 “Joy to the World”

Benediction

Worship Leaders

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| Prelude Organist: | Dora Diephouse |
| Pianist / Vocalist: | Erin Pacheco |
| Advent Candles: | The Hulford Family Liz, Jeremy, Reese, Brandon, and Vera |
| Liturgist / Guitar / Mandolin: | Jeremy Hulford |
| Liturgist / Prayer: | Liz Hulford |
| Duet: | Charlotte and Penelope Lydon |
| Sound / Video: | Schuyler Roozeboom |
| Minister: | Roger Nelson |

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