

SENDING

***HYMN #232**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

GOD BE WITY YOU

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

Sinfonia from the Oratorio *Solomon*

G. F. Handel

John Lindsey, violin; Trillium Trio; Carl Bingle, organ

COMMUNION VOLUNTARIES

Two Settings of *Ave Maria*

Michael Lorenc, Franz Schubert

The Angel Gabriel's Annunciation to the Virgin Mary is found in Luke 1:28

John Lindsey, violin; Carl Bingle, organ

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

~ Jeremiah 33:14-16

Celebrating a

BRILLIANT

THIS WEEK

December 2

December 6

December 7

Sophia Stevens

Margot McGorman

Steven Guy



IN NEED
OF PRAYER

Shane McWayne, Gerda Barbour, JoAnne Stirling, Ralph Green, and for the sick and those who need God's comfort.

Prayer Help Available. Please call the church office, 782-1750 if you have a prayer request. Your confidential prayer request will be put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain. Only those requesting public prayers are included for prayers in our church bulletin.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

10:00 a.m.

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

** Indicates that those who are able may stand.*

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Three Advent Carols

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Grimoaldo Macchia

Wake, Awake, a Voice Is Calling; Veni Emmanuel; People, Look East

GREETING

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

PRELUDE

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart

John Lindsey, violin; Stephanie Widrick, violin; Agnes McCarthy, viola;

Christine Prevost, cello; Carl Bingle, organ

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - Candle of Hope

ADVENT INTROIT

Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord (from Godspell)

Stephen Schwartz

David Elmer, soloist; Phyllis Elmer, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP ~ adapted from Psalm 25

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**Make me know your ways, O Lord;
Teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are
the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN #255**

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS'

INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, how long must we wait for you to save your people? Come with haste, O Lord, for we are distracted, our attention has dissipated, and we are consumed with the worries of life. We need you to come and execute justice, and bring righteousness to the land. Forgive us Lord for the sins we have named and the sins we have not named. In this Advent season may we wait and rediscover the saving grace you brought into the world.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

. . . in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In Jesus Christ you are also forgiven.

***RESPONSE - You Are My Hiding Place - Hymn #700**

*You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance;
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. I will trust in You. Let the weak say,
I am strong in the strength of the Lord!*

LITURGIST WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Old Testament, page 738 in pew Bibles)

CHILDREN'S TIME

(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School, please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service. As children depart for Sunday School, we sing "*Jesus Loves Me*" Hymn #185, verse 1.)

SECOND READING

Luke 21:25-36 (New Testament, pages 85-86 in pew Bibles)

SERMON

"Alert and Ready"

Rev. Casey Carbone

***HYMN (see insert)**

People, Look East, the Time Is Near

BESANÇON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When Shepherds Came to Bethlehem

Douglas Wagner

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, director; John Lindsey & Trillium Trio;
Phyllis Elmer, piano; Carl Bingle, organ

***DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastoral Prayer (concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

"Holy Is the Lord" Hymnal #75

Words of Institution and Distribution of Elements

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

We have broken the bread and poured the wine.

Let the bread sustain us in our life.

Let the cup restore the joy of living.