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The Poinsettias in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of all our US armed forces who were wounded or lost their life on Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7th, 1941. May we never forget the sacrifices given 82 years ago so that all Americans can be free today. Given by Jim and Lynn Rouse.



“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

8:25 a.m. Daymark Worship

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Daymark Worship

Gathering Music “Mary Did You Know?” Kellie Mills-Abrams, Terri Boykin

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Preparation “People Look East”

*Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Come, Lord, and be one with us.

We invite you to open our hearts to receive your love.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We are waiting and watching and listening. Amen

*Hymn UMH #196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*Opening Prayer of Confession

We confess that we are not ready, Lord. We call on you to come down, yet we aren’t ready for you to rend our hearts and enter in. We fear what you will find in us. We are uncertain about having our lives turned upside down by the good news. We want the hope that comes with knowing you are coming to us, but we’re not sure we’re ready for the shock of that hope. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to live joyfully in the hope that turns us to you. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news: Jesus calls us to follow him, and he will not lead us astray. His path is one of forgiveness and renewal.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

*The Peace *(As forgiven & reconciled people, let us show one another signs of reconciliation & love.)*

*Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God’s love,

Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Come, Lord Jesus.

That this wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Christ, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Loving God, your church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.

Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9 Jacob Smith

Lighting of the Advent Candle Jacob Smith, Jennifer, Isaak, Micah, Addie
TFWS #2090 “Light the Advent Candle” v. 1

Open Altar, Open Heart *(During “Call to Prayer”, all are invited to the altar for morning prayer.)*

Call to Prayer “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem “Advent Kyrie”

*Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon: “All Shook Up”

Invitation to the Table

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards

Offertory “Make Way”

*Doxology UMH #94

*The Great Thanksgiving

Communion Setting FWS #2257 a-d

Giving of the Bread and Cup

Anointing with oil

Marie Hurst, Bren Feutz

(All are invited to the table of the Lord. We serve by intinction, (take the bread and dip a portion into the cup, then partake), or by using prepackaged communion elements. Those unable to come forward may raise their hand and an acolyte or pastor will bring communion to you.

After receiving, you may kneel for prayer and/ or go to one of our prayer stations to receive anointing and prayer from one of our lay Stephen ministers. Offerings left at the altar rail go to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund used primarily to assist the needy.)

Communion Songs “What Feast of Love”

Chancel Choir

“Hand of Sweet Release”

Roger Fulp, Terri Boykin

*Prayer after the Meal

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #203 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

*Dismissal & Blessing “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Postlude “Christ is the World’s Light”

**Please stand as you are able.*