

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* Joseph Parry
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, piano Arr. James Mansfield

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder
Jesus says: I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
Heaven and earth will pass away,
but the word of God endures forever.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN *Prepare the Way* No. 13

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Katie Sakanai and WPC choir
(*Candle Lighters come forward during the final verse of the hymn*)

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder
We have all sinned, not one of us is clean;
but there is mercy for those who call on the name of the Lord.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess. Let us pray together...
God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign.
We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise.
Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us, by your hand, so that we may
be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
(*A time for silent prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Laura Sugg
Amen. Every valley is lifted up; every mountain made low.
Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.) *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?* No. 11 v 3
A glorious crown you give me, A treasure safe on high,
That will not fail or leave me, As earthly riches fly.
My heart shall bloom forever, For you with praises new.
And from Your name shall never, Withhold the honor due.

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37 Pgs.47-48
Heaven and earth will pass away,
but the word of the Lord stands forever.
Thanks be to God. Deacon
Isaiah 40:8, Mark 13:31

ANTHEM *In the Bleak Midwinter* Lyrics C. Rosetti
Music G. Holtz

TIME FOR CHILDREN (*As the children come forward, please join in singing.*)
This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.

SERMON *Stay Tuned!* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder
We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.
Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.
His faith and obedience were the response
of the perfect child of God.
He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel,
the beginning of the new creation,
and the pioneer of the new humanity.
He gave history its meaning and direction
and called the church to be his servant for
the reconciliation of the world.
--Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(*Pray, "Forgive us our sins..."*)

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* based on Plainsong
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, piano Arr. John Innes

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING Tune: No. 23
Let the nations shout and sing: glory to their Savior bring;
All below and all above sing your praise with joyous love.
Glo—ria in excelsis Deo; glo—ria in excelsis Deo.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Laura Sugg

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
SERVING COMMUNION

*Bread is taken individually. **Wait** to take juice/wine together.*

Red wine is in outer ring of tray; white grape juice is in the inner ring of tray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

**God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us
this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of
your promised new creation.**

**Strengthen us with this heavenly food
as we seek to serve your holy realm.**

**Lead us to live in joyful expectation
of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

* HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 1

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *How Majestic Is Your Name* STF 2023
(Katie will sing first, then congregation will join her singing it a second time)

POSTLUDE *Venite Adoremus, Adeste Fidelis*
Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, piano Arr. Roger C. Wilson

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Marny Eulberg Deacon Reader: Janette Powers
Greeter: Bonnie Emge Ushers: Kerry Gardner & Chuck Miller
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette Children's Time: Linda Valo
Communion Servers: Caroline Clovesko, Lori Golightly, Ralph Hecox, Dick
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Flowers: Laura Sugg

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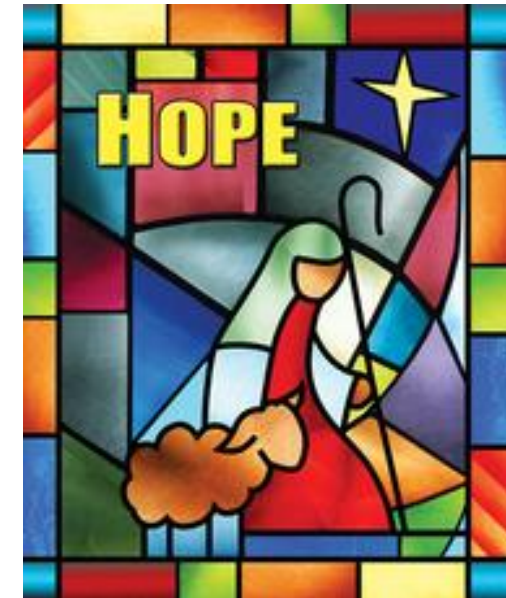
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*WPC Mission Statement
To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer.*

*First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017*