

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 *Prelude in C* Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elder

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Deloris Green and Brenda Cavanaugh

(As Candle Lighters come up please sing He Came Down- Tune No 2085 in STF)

**He came down that we may have hope;
he came down that we may have hope;
he came down that we may have hope,
Hallelujah forevermore.**

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand) Elder

Can you see the signs in the sun, the moon, the stars? Our God is near!

We see only distress among the nations.

We feel faint with foreboding and fear.

Stand up! Raise your heads! The Son of Man is coming!

But, we are burdened with worries and have no strength to escape.

All this will take place, but this day, we come to worship to

One of power and great glory, our source of hope.

We rejoice that the kingdom of God is near. Hallelujah! Amen.

* HYMN *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* No. 2

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Let us pray...

We are drawn to the bad news, O God of hope.

Seeing all the negativity, we worry, and we become afraid.

We confess that we dwell on what is going wrong in our families,

our communities, and our government, instead of dwelling in your Word.

In this advent season, help us to prepare our hearts for a new message.

Forgive us for straying from You.

Cover us with grace we can never earn.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE Rachel Yates

Jesus said to his disciples, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

Like the early disciples, you are witnesses of these things, so now believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*GLORIA Tune: Gloria 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.**

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Luke 21:25-36 Pg.81

The word of the Lord.

Deacon

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Bright and Beautiful* Mark Hayes

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 *Words That Do Not Pass Away* Rachel Yates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)

We believe that...

God has entrusted the church, with the message

of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;

that the church is called to be the salt of the earth

and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed

because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness

both by word and deed to the new heaven and the

new earth in which righteousness dwells;

that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the

powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation

and hatred, bitterness and enmity, and that God's life--giving

Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in obedience

which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

—from *Confession of Belhar* ^ (1986 South Africa, 2015 PCUSA)

* HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* No. 9

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Bring A Torch* Uehlein

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING No. 414

*As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock and field
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield.
so we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land;
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand, Amen.*

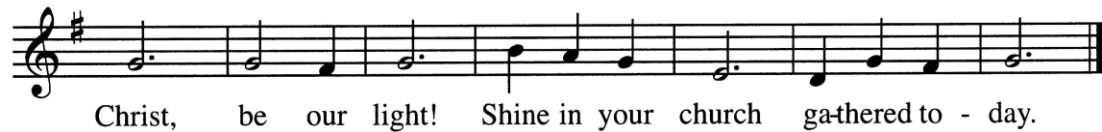
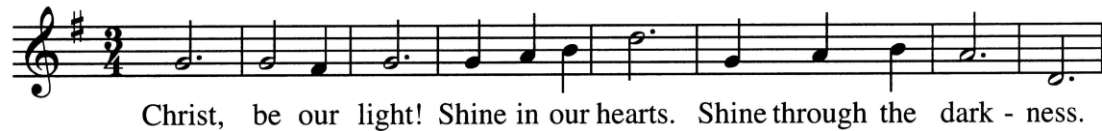
* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rachel Yates

* HYMN *People, Look East* No. 12

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

All:



POSTLUDE *Preludium* Bach

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

Pulpit Elder: Marny Eulberg

Greeter: Nancy Rosi

Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette

Flowers: Jeff and Barbara Stimson

Deacon Reader: Lori Golightly

Ushers: Ralph and Marcia Hecox

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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

November 29, 2015