

Home Bulletin
November 29th, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Reminder of the congregational meeting today, November 29th at 1:30 pm in the church parking lot.

We will be electing officers and approving the sale of the manse.

As provided by the Book of Order, there will be a time when nominations from the floor will be opened.

You will be able to participate either on, any mobile phone, ipad, or laptop, while you stay warm in the car.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn #93

"LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES"

See following page

Call to confession

Prayer of Confession

We confess before you Lord, our longing to see Your face, to know that we are indeed Your children. We long to see the signs that You are watching over us; to clearly see Your light which illuminates Your way and moves us beyond our brokenness. We acknowledge our unwillingness to trust that You are there in the darkness when we are blind to Your presence. In our doubt and fear we compulsively pursue whatever tidbit or trinket, whatever trend or experience, promises fulfillment. We so easily forget how You have guided us through even the most difficult times of life.

In this season of Advent, in this season in which we are invited to acknowledge our emptiness and despair, we ask that your Spirit would break into our world. "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down," and make your power known. O that you would walk with us through this Advent season and make us ready to receive the gift of Christmas. Amen.

Time of Silence for personal prayers of confession

Assurance of pardon

Gloria

Prayer for illumination

1st Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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2nd Scripture Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.^[b]
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered^[c] us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.

Sermon

Longing for Blessing: Looking For Hope

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn:

1. Come to the table of grace.
Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of grace.

2. Come to the table of hope.
Come to the table of hope.
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.
Come to the table of hope.

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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...

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution and the Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Call to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #519

"YOU ARE MY STRENGTH WHEN I AM WEAK" See following page

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

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LORD'S SUPPER

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak **519**

You Are My All in All

Capo 5: (C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (C)
 F C Dm7 Am F

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the trea- sure that I

(Dm7) (C) (G7) (C) (G7) (C) (G)
 Gm7 F C7 F C7 F C

seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me

(Am7) (Em) (C) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)
 Dm7 Am F Gm7 F C7 B^b F

up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G) (C) (G7)
 F C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C F C7

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)
 F C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C7 B^b F

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

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