



The First Sunday of Advent Sunday, November 29, 2020

Invitation to WorshipChristian Johns, Youth Minister

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low;

The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth;

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” ~ Isaiah 40:3-5

Instrumental Prelude Joseph Fuller & Kathleen Wilkins

Invitation to Advent Dr. Brian Brewer, Interim Pastor

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

***Stir up your might, and come to save us!
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.***

O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

***You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.***

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

***Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.***

Song of Advent Gabrielle Reed, Soloist

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent

Steve & Shirley Crawford

Morning Prayer Steve Crawford

Song of Anticipation

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Words of Welcome..... Christian Johns

Lessons from Scripture

Acts 1:6-11

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him,
“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set
by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,

and to the ends of the earth.”⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Choral Worship **ROBC Choral Ensemble**

Every Valley

words and music by John Ness Beck

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Brian Brewer, Interim Pastor

Songs of Promise

His Name Is Wonderful

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of everything,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He's the Great Shepherd, The Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He!
Bow down before Him, Love and adore Him,
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

Sermon Dr. Brewer

Keeping Watch

Mark 13:32-37

Closing Song

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel;
God with us, revealed in us;
His name is called Emmanuel.

Benediction Dr. Brewer