

10:00 a.m. Service

## December 2, 2018 – First Sunday of Advent

### Welcome, Announcements

**Prelude**                    “Trumpet Tune for Advent” Daniel Read  
                                  “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” Karg-Elert

**Lighting of the First Advent Candle (Hope)** Rod and Sherry Unruh

### Call to Worship

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

**People: Justice and Righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.**

**\*Hymn No. 2**                “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

### Prayer of the Day (Unison)

Holy One, you have promised us that the day of our salvation is near. Keep us faithful in love and watchful in prayer, so that we may stand with confidence and joy at the coming of Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

### Call to Confession

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be weighed down by the sins and worries of this life, but watch and pray for the grace of God, who will save you in your time of trial.” With confidence in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We lie in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation.**  
*(Silent personal prayers may be offered here.)*

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: In forgiveness, we find peace. In that spirit, let us share the peace of the Lord with each other.  
The Peace of the Lord be with you!

**People: And also with you.**

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with each other.

**Chancel Choir** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (quartet)

**Prayer for Illumination**

God our salvation, there is wisdom, peace, and joy for those who keep your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, lead us in your truth and teach us to do your will; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading** *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

**Second Scripture Reading** *Luke 21:25-36*

**Sermon** *Waiting ... Patiently* Rev. Bruce Brackman

**\*Confession of Faith** (from the PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**\*Hymn No. 426** "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

**Offering, Offertory** "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" (*In Dulci Jubilo*) Paul Manz

**\*Doxology No. 592** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** (Bread is Gluten Free)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

**\*Hymn No. 13** "Prepare the Way"

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Triptych of Carols*

*You are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of the Postlude.*

\*Please stand if you are able.

\*\*Source for Liturgy is "Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1"

## Announcements—December 2

**Hanging of the Greens this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** Join us for our annual Hanging of the Greens as we decorate the church and deck the halls for the Christmas season. Afterwards we will enjoy a **chili supper**.

**Grace and Grub Christmas Brunch**—Saturday, **December 8 at 9:30 a.m.** Hosted by Rod and Sherry Unruh, 1070 Elk Trail Court. Join us for great food and fellowship to highlight the holiday season. Bring your favorite breakfast casserole or any brunch item to share. Please let Joy Holcomb know by December 3 ([joyholcomb11@gmail.com](mailto:joyholcomb11@gmail.com)) if you are planning to attend.

**Advent Devotionals, *God Lifts the Lowly*** — You are invited to pick up a copy of this advent devotional in the narthex or church office. This devotional invites us to pray and contemplate with Mary in her Song of Praise—the Magnificat—found in Luke 1:46-53. A donation of \$2 to offset the cost would be appreciated but not required.

**A Blue Christmas Service** will be held on **Friday, December 21 at 5:00 pm.** The idea of Blue Christmas is to have a time of worship and reflection centered around the lighting of the Advent candles with a slightly different focus, acknowledging that Christmas isn't always jolly or festive.

**Our Christmas Eve Service** will be at **5:00 p.m.** followed by hot chocolate and Christmas cookies.

**Out to Lunch Bunch**—Let's have some fun and fellowship with one another, as well as enjoy a good meal out after church—maybe one Sunday a month. If you are interested, please contact Terry in the church office. Will post a schedule beginning in January.

**Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children."** *Mark 10:14*

Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to enjoy Sunday worship with their families. Activity bags for the children are available on the table in the narthex.

**Journeys** is an adult church school class for faith travelers who are at various points along the *Way* in their spiritual quest. Each Sunday, in the church library, members gather at 8:15 a.m. and begin their study session together at 8:30. The last class in December will be on the 16th.

**Scripture readings** for Sunday, December 2 are ***Jeremiah 33:14-16*** and ***Luke 21:25-36***. You are invited to reflect on these readings during the week.

**Today's Worship Participants:**  
*Rev. Bruce Brackman, Preaching*  
*Larry Gillum, Organist*  
*Patti Dolezal, Liturgist*

*Rich Dixon, Chancel Choir Director*  
*Patti Dolezal, Hand Bell Director*  
*Chuck and Barb Slicker, Greeters*  
*Journeys Class, Fellowship Hosts*