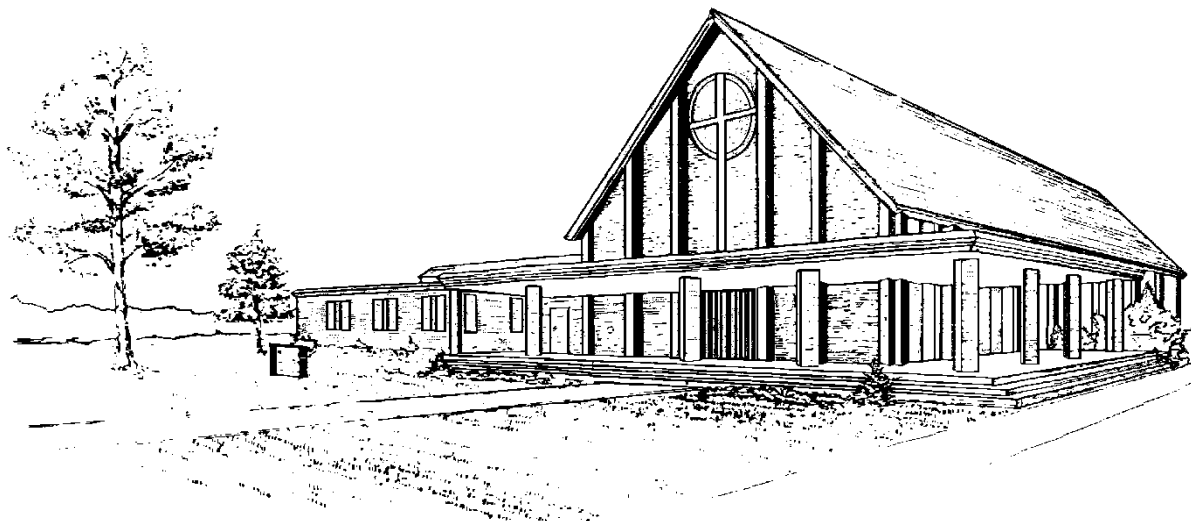


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**Sunday Service of Worship
November 29, 2020 – The First Sunday of Advent
10:30 a.m.**

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“Hope”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Kirchhoff/Lawrence Family

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come into God’s presence in hopeful anticipation.

We await the coming of the Son of God.

The sun may be dimmed, the moon may lose its light.

The stars may fall from the sky.

Still, the Divine Spirit is with us.

God sends angels from the four winds,

From the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

We hear Jesus’ words:

“Keep awake! Be alert!”

HYMN # 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates. Behold, the King of Glory waits.

The King of Kings is drawing near. The Savior of the World is here!

*Fling wide the portals of your heart. Make it a temple set apart.
From earthly use for heaven’s employ, adorned with prayer, and love and joy.*

Redeemer come! I open wide my heart to Thee, here, Lord abide.

Let me Thy inner presence feel Thy grace and love in me reveal.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, You are the ever-present, ever-loving, ever-compassionate Power that governs the world. Like generations before us, we fail in our efforts to live in the peace and harmony that You deliver. We know that we alone cannot wipe clean the slate of our transgressions. We fade like leaves. Our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. Yet You, O God, are our Parent. Like the potter, You fashioned us from clay into Your holy image. Hear the sighing of our spirits as we lay open our hearts to You. Mold us anew, and recreate a right image within us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, Whose faithfulness exceeds the limits of the earth, accept these gifts of our hearts and hands. May they be multiplied and magnified as the living presence of Christ's name in the world. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 64:1-3, 8-9

Mark 13:24-37

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Sometimes It’s Hard to Stay Awake”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 551

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*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.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

*And now, let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

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