

Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence

Prelude

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GREETINGS

Light the Candle of Advent –the Candle of Hope

Reader One; From the deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us, “The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah” (Jeremiah 33:14). Beloved, the days are surely coming when the yearning of the land; the longing of the sun, moon, and stars, the desperate need of the people of the earth for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

Congregation: While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion surround us on every side, we choose to watch and wait in hope, preparing side, we choose to watch and cooperate with God's grace already at work in our midst.

Reader Two; We light the candle of hope as a sign of our commitment to pay attention and prepare for the days that are surely coming and are already here—the days when God's kin-dom of love, justice, and mercy will reign.

Light the First Candle of the Advent—HOPE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Adult Bible Studies -- Sundays @9:30am
2. Charge Conference today @4:00pm.
3. Candlelight Service on 12/24@7pm.
4. Happy Birthday Iris Mestamacher!

Opening Prayer: O God of all the prophets, you herald the coming of the Son of Man by wondrous signs in the heavens and on the earth. Guard our hearts from despair so that we in the company of the faithful and by the power

LUMC's Vision Statement:

“Show God's love by accepting, supporting, and serving all people.” Matthew 25:35, 36, 40

of your Holy Spirit, may be found ready to raise our heads at the coming near of our redemption, the day of Jesus Christ. Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 25:1-10

Leader: In you, lord my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

People: No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause. Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

Leader: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

People: Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good. Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

All: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way. All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Hymn: O come, O Come Emmanuel v.1-4,7

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TIME TO SHARE OUR JOY AND CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Kalo

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY
OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*HYMN; Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus v. 1,2 UMH#196

SCRIPTURE Luke 21:25-36

Message: "Advent is the season of Waiting"

HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN; Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus 2x UMH#349

*BENEDICTION:

*POSTLUDE

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹ He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³⁴ "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader: This is the Word of God Congregation: Thanks be to God

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First Sunday of Advent December 01, 2024

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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