

1st Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020
John Willingham preaching, Pauline Sexton assisting

Prelude "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645" J.S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn 367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
(verses 1, 3, and 4)

Prayer of Confession

Restore us, O God of hosts.
Let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Save us, O Lord, from traps of our own creating:
from fear that blocks the way of love,
from worry that blocks the way of joy,
from isolation that blocks the way of relationship,
from injustices that keep the world bound.
Forgive us, O God of hosts,
until the stars fall from heaven
and we live as people transformed.

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 2:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem Medley of Thanksgiving Hymns arr. Robert S. Frost/Mark Helms
String Ensemble

Time with the Children

New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Sermon "Waiting for Wisdom"

"He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God."—1 Corinthians 1:30a

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory	“Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee” String Ensemble	Johannes Brahms arr. Jerry Brubaker
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn 450	“Be Thou My Vision” (verses 1, 2 and 4)	SLANE
Benediction		
Postlude	“Tocatta Festivo”	Dennis Janzer

The **sympathy of the congregation** is extended to **Nancy La Rosa** on the death of her sister, **Norma Moyer**, on November 24. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

The **flowers** are given today in loving memory of my mom, Rose Lawler, by Alice Fitzpatrick.

Lighting the Advent Wreath this morning are Kelly, Jim, Jason, and Kate Huggins. Kelly is currently serving as a Deacon and is a member of the Children’s Education Committee. Both Jason and Kate are active in choir and bells. Kelly and Jim have been members for three years.

Special thanks to Marie Stevens Cooper for serving as Lay Leader this week and to Phil Cacossa and the members of the DPC String Ensemble for sharing their musical gifts with us.

Liturgy notes. Today’s prayer of confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, volume 54.1, p. 18.

DPC’s Advent Mission Market and Giving Tree are now live online! Visit bit.ly/2Trkm7s to learn about all the ways you can help those in need during this Advent season!

Christmas Eve Family Pageant. This year, our Christmas Eve Pageant will be a virtual celebration - and it will all be made possible by YOU! To help us create something truly special, we are asking families to take pictures of your children (and other family members) enacting the story of Jesus' birth. Share as many jpeg photos, of as many scenes as you like, featuring your children from preschool to middle school age to the Dropbox link found within this list of suggested scenes: bit.ly/39deuYD. We ask that you send photos by **December 14** so we can begin to prepare the prerecorded pageant.

Service of Light in the Midst of Darkness. Sunday, December 6 at 4 pm. For all who face the holidays with loss, sadness or isolation, this pre-recorded service will offer scripture, music, readings and comfort. The service will be available on the DPC website.