

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

9:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and we light the first candle of the advent wreath, the candle of hope. This Sunday we recall the hope we have in Christ.

O God of hope, Let your light shine in us.

The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah, 'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.'

Let your light shine, O God, to liberate us from all that would keep us from you.

Let us join in prayer.

Redeeming God, we see the hope that is in your child. Let our lives witness to your generous and liberating love. Let us work to bring hope, freeing all who are captive or oppressed. Amen.

Prelude

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

**you set before us the way of goodness and beckon us to follow you,
but we disregard your teachings and disobey your word.**

**You call people of every land to dwell in harmony,
but we sow division and harvest discord.**

**You command us to craft tools that sustain life,
but we cling to weapons that damage and destroy.**

Forgive us, Lord.

**Your creation yearns for wholeness;
your people long for justice and peace.**

**Keep us ever watchful and awaken us to your ways
as we wait in hope for the light of the world.**

(Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Proclaiming God's Word

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 122

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 571

** Those who are able, please stand*

Anthem

Prepare the Way, O Zion
Chancel Choir; Eileen Telly, violin

arr. Sondra Tucker

Time with the Children

(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Parents are asked to pick-up their child after the service in Room 207, which is directly across the bridge.)

New Testament Lesson: Luke 19:41-44

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 83

Sermon

"Where Peace Begins" Dr. John M. Willingham
"pray for the peace of Jerusalem...peace be within your walls."—Psalm 122:6

Responding to God's Word

Concerns of the Church

(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)

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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come)

J.S. Bach

*Congregational Response 607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

**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

Going Forth in God's Name

*Hymn 367

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Benediction

*Postlude

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

arr. Elizabeth Hill

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Christmas Decorations

We will be decorating the Sanctuary and placing wreaths on the graves of veterans in the DPC graveyard this Advent and Christmas season. If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of someone to make these decorations possible, please make checks payable to DPC and specify "Christmas Decorations", mail to the office or place in the offering plate. A donation of \$15 is requested.

Memorials will be listed in the December 12 bulletin.

Due to space constraints, we can only print the names of people being remembered or honored. All names for the listing must be in the church office no later than December 6 at noon.

I would like to make _____ donation(s) at \$15 each.

PLEASE PRINT

In memory of (*names of deceased only*):

In Honor of (*names of honorees only*):

Branch of service (*if honoring or remembering a veteran*):

Requested by (*how you want your name listed*):

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

THANK YOU!



Welcome to Worship!

Whether in-person or joining us from home, we are glad that you are with us!

Lighting the Advent Wreath this morning are Riley Blore and Lauren Hunter. Riley and Lauren are serving as Elders on Session. Riley is a junior at Abington Friends. Lauren is a senior at Central Bucks High School West. They are both active in Youth Group.

Assisting Pastor: Becca Bateman.

Lay Leader: Tom Maclin.

Thanksgiving Offering. Today's offering will go to Bethany Christian Services to support Afghani refugees. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew, in your offering boxes, and as an option on the online giving page.

The **flowers** are given in memory of loved ones by Dick and Judy Mumaugh.

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching and the Arts*, vol. 53.1, p. 14

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Laura Engebret and family on the death of her father Eugene B. Norris on November 20. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.



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Let's Connect! Do you have a prayer request or want to share a joy or concern? We want to hear from you! Visit www.dtownpc.org and click "Connect" at the top of the page to contact us or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera.

To learn more about DPC, we invite you to visit our website at www.dtownpc.org where you'll find all the latest information on ministries and events including:

- "Redlining: A Walk-Through Exhibit" Join us in the Celtic Cross Room **today**, after worship, for the next stop on our Matthew 25 journey to learn about redlining through several information stations you can experience at your own pace.
- Our Giving Tree is now Live on our website and the Advent Mission Market will be open for you to shop in the Celtic Cross Room on **Sundays today through Dec. 12**. These are two wonderful opportunities to help those in need this Advent season!
- "Advent All Together" will help us explore this joyous season, deepen friendships, and make new memories. Join us immediately following worship on **December 5**.
- A Service of Lessons and Carols returns this year in person on Sunday, **December 12!** Reserve your spots for either 1:30 or 4 pm by visiting our website or calling the office.



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