

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

10:30 am

Gathering as God's Family

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Variations on People, Look East!
Joyful Bells

Michael Helman

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and we light the first candle of the Advent wreath.
As we light this candle, let us be reminded Jesus is the light of the world!

Jesus came into this world to bring hope. From generation to generation, we long for the hope that is Christ.

Hope looks like the turning of the seasons, kindness from strangers, babies trying over and over again to take their first step, older adults talking with younger people, younger people talking with older adults, advocates and allies, Christian community.

In this season of Advent, let the hope of Christ shine in the darkness. Let us join in prayer:
**We bow our heads today hoping to catch a glimpse of a shimmer of you O God.
We know that you are here with us, just as you walked with every generation before.
May we feel your presence as we bask in the glow of your light.**

*Hymn 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we have not kept watch for you,
for we have occupied ourselves with our own concerns.
We have not waited to find your will for us.
We have not noticed the needs of the people around us.
We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us.
Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness.
Help us to wait to know your will.
Help us to look out for the need of others.
Help us to work and watch for your coming.**

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the Good News of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

** Those who are able, please stand*



Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 15:1-6
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 61

Anthem

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
 Chancel Choir

arr. Zoltan Kodaly

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards at this time)

Time with the Children

(After the message, children ages four through third grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Parents may pick up their children in Room 207, across the bridge following worship.)

New Testament Lesson: Matthew 26:26-30

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 30

Sermon

"A Song of Praise"
"I will sing to the LORD for he has triumphed gloriously."—Exodus 15:1b

Dr. John M. Willingham

*Hymn 336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

*Affirmation of Faith

— Adapted from the Confession of 1967

God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the nation with judgment and maintained the covenant through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers. These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations. The same witnesses proclaimed the coming of a new age, and a true servant of God in whom God's purpose would be realized.

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

I Wonder as I Wander
Bill Rote, Clarinet; Mina Choi, Piano

arr. Gordon Schuster

*Congregational Response 314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness* CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT
Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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*Benediction

*Postlude

People, Look East!

Benjamin Cornelius-Bates

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Lighting the Advent Wreath this morning are Kim and Armor Keller. Kim is a Ruling Elder on Session, who serves on the Mission Committee, the Mission Study Task Group, the Matthew 25 Task Force, and as a Confirmation leader. Armor is a renowned artist who has served on the Senior Adult Ministry Committee.

Assisting: Becca Bateman **Lay Leader:** Galen Hays

This year's **Thanksgiving Offering** will be collected for DPC's mission partner Doylestown FISH, a nonprofit in Bucks County that often serves as the front line to individuals in our community who are in crisis by helping clients find emergency shelter, make utility payments, and find food. Envelopes for this offering can be found in the pew rack in front of you. You can also donate online by visiting bit.ly/DPCOnlineGiving.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to **Eileen Telly** on the death of her father, Richard Pieringer, on November 22. We hold this family in prayer in their time of loss.

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

Today's **Prayer of Confession** is taken from The Worship Sourcebook, Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2013, p. 449.

Christmas Eve

WORSHIP AT DPC

3:30 pm - Family Service
 5:00 pm - Candlelight Service
 7:00 pm - Candlelight Communion (with Livestream)
 9:00 pm - Candlelight Communion

*Christmas Day Worship will be prerecorded and posted to www.dtownpc.org that morning



Christmas Decorations

We will be decorating the Sanctuary and placing wreaths on the graves of veterans in the DPC graveyard. 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 18 bulletin.

*All names must be submitted to the church office by **December 12.***

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!