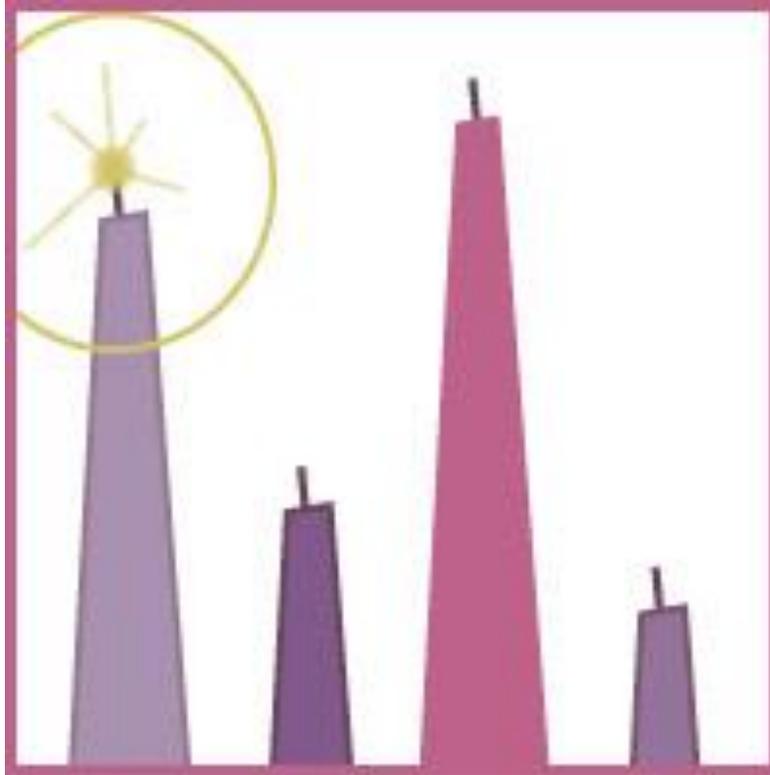


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The Order of Worship
1st Sunday of Advent (B)
November 29, 2020

***Please rise as you are able**

Prelude

Catherine Leatherdale, Piano

“Solfeggietto” Phil em. Bach

“Prelude in C” J.S. Bach

“Adagimisso” J.S. Bach

“Joy of My Soul” J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Songs of Preparation

Leslie VanderVeer, soloist

“Awesome God” by Rich Mullins

“All the People Said Amen”

by Matt Maher, Paul Moak, Trevor Morgan

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship” by Brian Doerksen

Call to Worship

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: People awake to a season of
anticipation, preparation, and joy.

**All: The God of our salvation
is coming to us anew.**

One: God will straighten
the winding ways of our hearts,
and smooth the paths made rough by sin.

**All: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all the people will see it together.**

Hymn#95 *"Prepare the Way of the Lord"*

Two times

The Lighting of the Advent Candle ~ Hope

One: Let us pray that waiting for Christmas may show us how to be patient when things take time, how to live for Christ day by day, and how to wait for promises not yet fulfilled.

**All: Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in our lives
and shine among us now.**

One: In Isaiah, chapter 2, the prophet declares that in days to come God will judge between the nations, and arbitrate for many peoples.

(Light the first purple candle)

One: We light this candle because we refuse to let go of Isaiah's hope that swords can be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks, and that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**All: Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in our lives
and shine among us now.**

Song *“Will You Come and See the Light”*

CCLI#2168217

Will you come and see the light from the stable door?

It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.

It will be your guiding star,

it will show you who you are.

Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Prayer of Confession: (Praying first in silent confession)

One: As we gladly await his coming, let us remove any barriers that will keep us from welcoming the Christ anew.

All: Most Holy God,

Help us to be a patient people.

Help us to wait for you with expectant hearts.

Forgive us our lack of faith in:

Your presence,

Your promises,

Your faithfulness.

God of power and love,

awaken us to hope

and fit us for your coming,

that we may watch for you

with confidence and joy.

Words of Assurance

One: What a wondrous gift!

All: In God's mercy we are forgiven.

One: The crooked are made straight,
and the rough ways are made smooth,

All: that all may see the salvation of God.

Joyful Response#132

v. 3

*Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!*

*Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

Children's Message

Joan Nichols

The Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to greet those around you with words and signs
of God's reconciling peace.

Sung Prayer for Illumination#287

“Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading”

v. 2

*Come to teach us; come to nourish
those who believe in Christ.*

*Bless the faithful; may they flourish,
strengthened by grace unpriced. (Refrain)*

Refrain:

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64.1-9

Special Music *“Thanks Be to God”* by Don and Nancy Besig
Trinity Remote Choir

Scripture Reading: Mark 13.24-37

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Message

Rev. Dr. April Davis Campbell

Hymn#84 *“Creator of the Stars of Night”*

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

(Prayer requests can be made via the chat function on Zoom).

†Invitation to Prayer (Let us sing together) #470 v. 2

“There Is a Longing in Our Hearts”

Refrain *There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.*

*There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.*

Verse 2 *For wisdom, for courage, for comfort:
hear our prayer.*

In weakness, in fear:

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Refrain

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

The Offertory

Offertory Response: #144 *“In the Bleak Midwinter”* v. 4

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wise man, I would do my part;

Yet, what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

Unison Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, we give our best to you,

not out of guilt or fear, but with gratitude and faith.

You have been our support in times of need.

Every breath we take is a gift from you.

We will be awake and watchful for opportunities

to make a difference, to help others be alert for your presence, to value life in all its fullness, and to learn to care.

We dedicate these symbols of thankfulness

and all the days of our lives to those purposes. Amen.

Hymn#137 *“He Came Down”*

Blessing and Sending

One: In Jesus Christ, God's grace has been given to us;
therefore, let us live for God,

All: one day at a time.

One: In every way we have been enriched in Christ, in spiritual gifts, through the witness of those who showed us Christ, and in speech and knowledge of every kind, therefore, let us give thanks to God,

All: one day at a time.

One: God is faithful and will strengthen us to the end,
as we look for signs of Christ's presence,

All: one day at a time.

One: Till all is ended, all begun,
we live in hope and worship God,

All: one day at a time.

One: In the name of the Three who are One, the Author, the Word, and the Breath, go in peace.

Postlude *"Prelude in g minor"* BWV 535, J. S. Bach

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Musicians:

Song leader - Leslie VanderVeer

Trinity Remote Choir, directed by Neal Strand

Guitar - Scott VanderVeer

Drums - Neal Strand

Piano Prelude - Catherine Leatherdale

Service Pianist/Organist - Jane Wasiluk

^{NRS} **Isaiah 64:1** O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence -- ² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil -- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴ From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵ You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.¹ ⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷ There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered¹ us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

^{NRS} **Mark 13:24** "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸ "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he¹ is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³² "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert;¹ for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake -- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."