

Order of Worship
November 28th 2021 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us to slow down, listen for your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.

Amen.

Call to Worship

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth
and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

The Lord is our righteousness.

The days are surely coming, says our God,
when justice and mercy will be executed
throughout the land.

The Lord is our righteousness.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when my promised one will teach transgressors my ways,
and heal the world with love and mercy.

The Lord is our righteousness. Amen.

~ from Ministry Matters

Communion Hymn

Advent Hymn (Watching Waiting Longing)

Verse 1

Heaven sent a child to save us light
for all to see
Helpless baby mighty Savior holy
mystery
Unto us a son is given born in
Bethlehem
Lamb of God the Light of nations
God in flesh became

Chorus 1

Watching waiting longing for the day
When His people would glorify
The Name above all names

Verse 2

For the joy that lay before Him
chose our agony

Jesus bore the wrath of Calv'ry
Washing sinners clean
Our Messiah Christ our brother word
of God in flesh
Loosed the chains that held us
captive
Broke the bonds of death

Chorus 1

Watching waiting longing for the day
When His people would glorify
The Name above all names

Verse 3

So we wait with expectation for His
Advent here
Bride of Christ His word proclaimed
For all the world to hear

He will come in clouds descending
At the trumpet sound
In the light of Christ our Savior
Ev'ry knee will bow

Chorus 2

Born in a manger dying on a tree
Rising Easter morning to set His
people free
We're watching waiting longing for
the day
When all nations will glorify
The Name above all names

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace, to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Savior. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' precious Name. **Amen.**

– written by Nancy C. Townley

Special Music

The Time for Flowers
Emily Scott Robinson

Scripture Reading

Chriss Flynn, Reader

Luke 21:25-36

New Revised Standard Version

25 “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

29 Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Stand Up. Raise Your Heads!
Associate Pastor Charla Belinski

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

Chriss Flynn, Reader

Offertory

There is a Light
Ellen Stapenhorst

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

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Communion

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm
What heights of love what depths of
peace
When fears are stilled when
strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to
save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of
Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
who is, who was, and who is to come,
we pray for the virtue of hope,
that amidst the trials and difficulties
of this world,
we may keep our hearts fixed
upon you, who reigns over the cosmos.
May your grace enliven us,
strengthen us,
and defend us,
as we await your coming in glory. **Amen.**

– written by David Bennett

Blessing

Postlude

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by
Ellen Stapenhorst & Michael Schoepe.

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Coordinator: Chriss Flynn
Scripture/Prayers Reader: Chriss Flynn
Greeter & Altar Setting: Judi Loubier
Coffee/Tea Buffet:
10:30 Scripture Reader: Chriss Flynn

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