

11/29/2020

Sunday: Advent 1, Year B

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Reader 1: We light this candle as a symbol of the hope we have in the promise of the Lord's coming.

Reader 2: For the Lord will fulfill his promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. A righteous Branch will spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel. Stir up your might and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Let your hand be upon us that we may be made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

O Shepherd of Israel, you open our lips; our mouths give you praise. You shepherd your flock, gathering us from our wanderings, assembling us in Christ's name to learn of your will. Your covenant names us, your law guides us. The prophets attest to your promise that we shall not be forsaken. With great expectation we watch for your unfolding plan of salvation. Be present with us and guide us toward the truth in Christ's name. Amen.

HYMN: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (82)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty God, "we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like they wind, take us away." We fail to call on your name; we don't stir to take hold of your plan for us. Yet you are our God. "We are the clay, and thou art the potter." May all that we do be the work of your hand. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the words of Paul when he writes: "God is faithful, by whom you were called into fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ." By God's grace you will be sustained to the end, and through Christ's mercy you will be found guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. To God be all praise and glory. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Mark 13:24-37

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: The Second Advent

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: Soon and Very Soon (384)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (from *Westminster Confession of Faith*, 6.180-6.182)

God hath appointed a day, wherein he will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ, to whom all power and judgment is given of the Father . . . The end of God's appointing this day, is for the manifestation of the glory of his mercy in the eternal salvation of the elect . . . for then shall the righteous go into everlasting life, and receive that fulness of joy and refreshing which shall come from the presence of the Lord . . . As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all men from sin, and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity; so will he have that day unknown to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at which hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God's Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God of unchanging truth, your promise is eternal, your benevolent care spans the ages. We come with our gifts to be molded in accordance with your purposes. We offer ourselves to be shaped by your will. Fill us with wisdom, and make us vessels of your truth. Make all that we do an outpouring of your goodness, spreading compassion on the afflicted and care to all who may be in need. Amen.

HYMN: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory (354)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE