



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2015 at 9 and 11:15 am

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### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### Word and Sacrament

*Please silence your cellular telephones.*

*We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.*

#### Prayer of Preparation

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

*J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Beverly A. Bartlett**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Pastor: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the promised days.

**People: Nations shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they war anymore.**

Pastor: Surely the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise.

**People: I will cause a righteous branch to spring up for David.**

Pastor: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed;

**People: The night is far gone, the day is near.**

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

#### \*HYMN 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Veni Emmanuel*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

**Christopher N. De La Cruz**

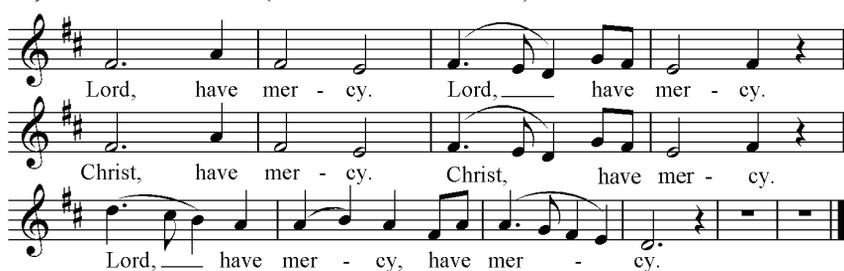
**John the Baptist came proclaiming “repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” The prophet Isaiah spoke, saying, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” We confess before you, Lord, that our paths have not been straight. We have not hoped for your Kingdom, and we are not prepared. For we have wandered from your ways and wasted your gifts. We have put ourselves ahead of our neighbors, and even your service, our God. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**O Lord, whose goodness is always to have mercy and to make good the sinner, have mercy upon us we pray. Forgive us where we have erred; make straight our paths where they have been crooked. And so turn hearts of disobedience to the wisdom of the just, that at Christ's coming, we may be found acceptable in your sight, and may welcome him with confidence and joy.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (from *Deutsche Messe*)

Franz Schubert



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

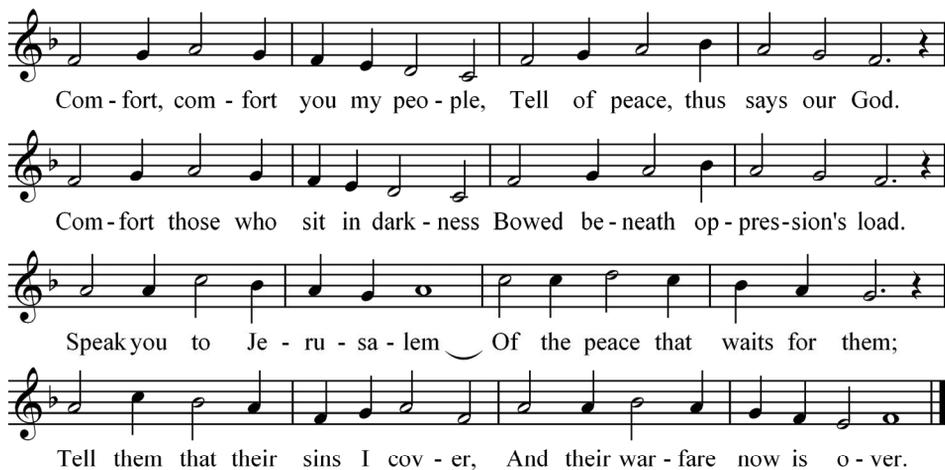
## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Psalm 42*



Com - fort, com - fort you my peo - ple, Tell of peace, thus says our God.  
Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness Bowed be - neath op - pres - sion's load.  
Speak you to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell them that their sins I cov - er, And their war - fare now is o - ver.

Text: Johannes Olearius (1671), trans. Catherine Winkworth (1863)  
Music: Genevan Psalter (1551)

## \*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ,  
let us be reconciled to one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

*Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you,"  
responding, "And also with you."*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

First "O" Antiphon

John Weaver  
(b. 1937)

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, you order all things with strength and gentleness: come now and teach us the way to salvation.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

David A. Kling  
(*nrsv*, page 694 OT)

## \*PSALM 25 (Hymn 178)

*Genevan 25*

*(During the last stanza of the Psalm, children and young people are invited to come forward, gathering around the Baptismal Font for the Lesson for Young Christians.)*

## DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORSHIP

*Children's Worship – Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge.*

*Youth Worship – Young people 4th grade to 8th grade may exit to the Dana Chapel.*

*The Children & Youth return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

## EPISTLE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
(*nrsv, page 192 NT*)

Mr. Kling

## GRADUAL

Second "O" Antiphon

Weaver

O Adonai, Ruler of the House of Israel, you appeared in the burning bush to Moses and gave him the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm to save us.

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36  
(*nrsv, page 80 NT*)

Ms. Bartlett

## SERMON

*"An Advent Life"*

## \*HYMN 17

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

*Wachet auf*

(11:15 am)

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:15 am)

Elder Kristin Hohmann

Jasper James De La Cruz, *Infant son of Christopher & Amanda De La Cruz*

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(11:15 am) Let us pray: **Holy God: Source, Goal and Guide, remind us of the promises given in our own baptisms and renew our trust in you. Bind us to your Word and fill us with your Spirit, that together we may love one another and serve you with joy, that others may see Christ in us and embrace him as Lord and Savior as well. Amen.**

## AARONIC BENEDICTION (11:15 am)

Weaver

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to  
shine up - on you and be gra - cious un - to you; the Lord lift up his  
coun - te - nance up - on you, and give you peace. A - men.

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Ms. Bartlett

# PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Lo, How A Rose  
(from *Weihnachtsgeschichte*, Op. 10)

arr. Hugo Distler  
(1908-1942)

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung,  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
By faithful prophets sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind.  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore for us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.

– German Carol (15th Century)

## \*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures  
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)

### INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### COMMUNION PRAYER

“...who forever sing to the glory of your name:”

### SANCTUS

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the  
high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

*(Communion Prayer continues) "...therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:"*

## ACCLAMATION

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*...in your mercy; Lord, hear our prayer.*

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*...in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.*

## 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.**

## BREAKING BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

**Pastor:** Gifts of God for the people of God.

**People:** Let us keep the feast.

## DISTRIBUTION

*When the pastors take their serving places, please come forward, using the center aisle, beginning with the front row. The white bread is made from wheat; darker bread in the center is gluten-free rice bread. The bronze chalices contain wine; the glass chalices contain grape juice. Hold out your hands, one open palm placed on the other, and bread will be placed in your hand. For rice bread, please take it yourself, exercising care not to touch other pieces. You may eat the bread and move to the cup of wine to drink or dip your bread before eating, or move to the cup of juice and dip your bread, exercising care not to touch the liquid or cup with your fingers. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews. If not communing, please remain in your pew in prayer.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Keep Your Lamps

*arr. André Thomas  
(b. 1952)*

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

*(African-American Spiritual)*

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord,  
and all peo - ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God.

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