



November 27, 2022

1st Sunday in Advent

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE....."My Hope Is Built"
By William B. Bradbury, Arr. by Larry Dalton

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" **#93**
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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope. We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation.

We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.

We light this candle in Hope.

On this day, we remember to look with hope for the coming of Christ.

Come, let us worship God!

❖**HYMN**"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" vs 1 ... **#85**
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❖**CALL TO CONFESSION**

❖**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, we build up walls either to protect us or to contain others. We turn away from those eager to enter. We cling to what we have even as we wish for more. (A time for silent confession.) Forgive us, O God, and open our hearts to the world around us. Strengthen us to break down the barriers we build that separate us, one from the other. Embolden us to break down the barriers we build in an attempt to separate us from you. In the name of our hoped-for Savior, we pray. Amen.

❖**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

❖**AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

❖**GLORIA PATRI** ... Henry W. Greatorex (Public Domain)... **#581**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, prepare our hearts to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE Genesis 28:10-22, p. 39
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION "Human and Holy"

❖**HYMN** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" **#403**
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2ND SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 6:1-9, p. 258
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION..... "Singular Focus"

❖**HYMN** "The Lord Is God" vs 1-3 **#63**
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3RD SCRIPTURE Acts 3:1-10, p. 1552
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION..... "Fullness of Life"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM"Will We Know Him?" Heritage Choir
Words by Don Besig & Nancy Price, music by Don Besig

❖**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Excerpt from *The Confession of 1967*)
The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's

own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Using Debts and Debtors)*

OFFERING OUR RESOURCES AND OUR ENERGY

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT AND SERVE

As we get ready to go forth and serve how will you connect with your Heritage Family This Week? How will you welcome and invite others in this week?

- **Poinsettias:** Each year Heritage's sanctuary is decorated with poinsettias given in honor or in memory of loved ones. If you would like to contribute, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex or give online using the General Fund and designating 'poinsettias' in the note section. The cost is \$13 for each poinsettia and payment is due by December 11.
- **Christmas Dinner** on December 4th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to bring a dish to the meal.
- **The Outreach Community Center's Christmas Store:** The Christmas Store will be held on December 10th. There are opportunities to serve on the day of the event, as well as before.

✦ **HYMN** "Prepare the Way, O Zion" **#106**
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✦ **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella"
Traditional, Arr. by Randall Hartsell

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