

*Hanging
of
the Greens*



DECEMBER 1, 2024

HOLY COMMUNION, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(The congregation will please stand as able
(BOLD-FACED TYPE) Congregation responds*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Silent Prayer and Time for Centering

Prelude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The time is surely coming
when our love for one another
and all of God's children will increase.

We would live into that time with hope and joy.

The day is surely coming
when God will strengthen our hearts with humility and holiness.

**We would anticipate that day
as we reach out to serve all of those in need.**

The days are surely coming
when we will walk the paths of faithfulness and steadfast love.

**We begin this journey,
knowing that all of God's promises will be fulfilled. (***)**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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Passing the Peace of Christ

THE CHURCH HEARS THE WORD OF GOD

HANGING OF THE GREENS

In the Beginning

Kenny Downes & Gavin Meehan

Let There Be Light!

Donna Downes & Sophia Rice

Green, of Course

Alex Wilderman & Charlotte Pyrich

And Red

Kristen Sturtevant & Nora Rice

White and Gold

Sam Tweedy & Brogan Meehan

Purple Parament

Donna Walter & Natalia Hernandez-Parsell

Manger

Pat Hewitt & Alejandra Hernandez-Parsell

THE CHURCH RESPONDS TO THE WORD OF GOD

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth-ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

From deep in the past, Jeremiah calls to us,

*“The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill the promise,
I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah”*
(Jeremiah 33:14).

Beloved, the days are surely coming
when the yearning of the land;

the longing of the sun, moon, and stars;

the desperate need of the people of earth

for flourishing and peace will receive their fulfillment.

**While fear, anxiety, misinformation, and suspicion
surround us on every side,
we choose to watch and wait in hope,
preparing our hearts to notice and cooperate
with God’s grace already at work in our midst.**

We light this candle of hope

as a sign of our commitment to pay attention

and prepare for the days that are surely coming

and are already here—

the days when God’s kingdom of love,

justice, and mercy will reign.

The first Advent Candle is lit.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

God of mystery and miracles,

**Your Word brings light into the dark places of our lives;
Your presence gives us strength to endure
when we are pushed beyond our own strength.**

**You find us in our lostness and,
with love beyond our imagining,
you lead us home.**

In this season of longing,

**grant us grace to bring all that we are to you,
O Christ, all the broken places,
all the lost wanderings, all the weariness
from trying to live lives that are pleasing to you.
Hold them all in the fullness of your love.**

Then, be born in us,

**that we may find our home,
our life, our joy in You,
Lord of light and love.**

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

[PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS](#)

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Place to Keep Your Son

Matthew Corl

A watching, waiting people look for signs from above.

We keep awake, expecting the coming of your love.

Refrain

*We know good news shall be here soon, a blessed one shall come;
prepare in us a warm heart, a place to keep your son.*

A voice cries out "get ready, prepare a way for God;

be ready for his coming, the coming of our Lord."

Refrain

Rejoicing in your spirit, our deepest joy in you;

the world is ever changing but you are ever true.

Refrain

We hear the angel's greeting "O hail, you blessed one,

for you shall bear a Savior and he will be God's son."

We know good news shall be here soon,

the blessed one is near,

we'll make for him a warm heart,

we'll hold your own son dear.

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DOXOLOGY

Doxology

For Advent

Em G C D7 G D G C G
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures

5 Am Bm7 Em Am Em B7 Em A7 D Em
here — be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D7 G D Em Bm G
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -

15 C D7 Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em
man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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LM with Refrain

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Offertory Prayer:

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *For Advent*

The Lord be with you....

And also with you.

Lift Up Your hearts.....

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.....

It is right to give our thanks and praise

..... *and all the company of heaven*

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus/Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

(Accompaniment at *United Methodist Hymnal*, No. 211)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, O God of glo - ry,
po - wer and might. Heav - en and earth are full, are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

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..... *in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.*

Memorial Acclamation

(Accompaniment at *United Methodist Hymnal*, No. 211)

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Christ has died, Christ has risen,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Christ will come a - gain!". The music is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

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..... *all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.*

Great Amen

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "A - men, A - - - men,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "A - - - - - men.". The music is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

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The Lord's Prayer

(UMH p. 895)

Prayer Following Communion:

THE CHURCH IS SENT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path And
When we have run with pa - tience the race, We



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



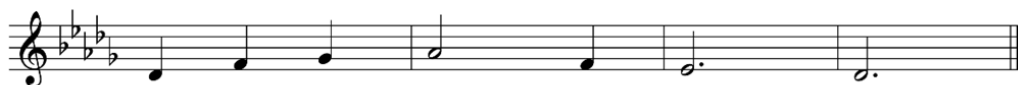
In him there is no dark - ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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*Benediction

Voluntary

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Given by his loving wife Donna Walter

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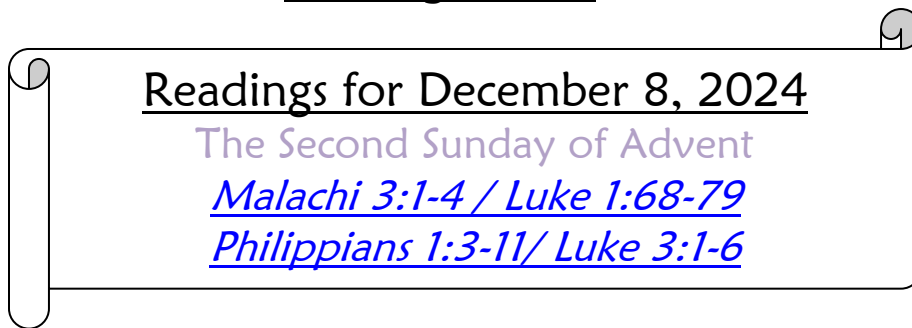
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Looking Ahead

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Readings for December 8, 2024
The Second Sunday of Advent
Malachi 3:1-4 / Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11/ Luke 3:1-6

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