



November 27, 2016 11:15 a.m.

Gathering Song #95 “Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Mary, Anna, and Kanako Field

The church announces the coming of Christ because it speaks to a deep truth –
Christ is coming.

Christ is always coming;

Christ is always entering a wounded heart and a troubled world.

We light the first candle, the candle of hope,

**as we express our longing for healing, for justice, and for the well-being
of all creation.**

Song #85

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

Verse 1

Advent Prayer

**Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
we open ourselves to the healing light of Christ.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed,
and reveal your creative power of hope,
that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Song #88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Call to Confession

Even when our lips are silent, the Spirit prays for us with sighs too deep for words.

The Lord searches us and knows our hearts.

In hope, we offer ourselves to the one who makes all things new.

Spirit, open our hearts.

Prayer of Confession - Song #423

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

God restores to us the joy of our salvation.

For the Lord is gracious and full of love.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel –

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

Sarah Etshman, Lay Reader

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God.

Message

“Walk in the Light”

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Song #107

“Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Song #853

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Sending

Response

Following the service, we invite you to join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our Traditional Service, held in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m., includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Our Alternative Service, Living Mosaics, is held in Rodney Chapel at 11:15 a.m. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jerry and Barbara Fedeler in celebration of their 50th Wedding anniversary given by Rick and Nancy Marsh.

Please remember in your prayers Frederick Iobst, Natalie Freeman and Devon Riggs who were recently hospitalized.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

A unisex restroom can be conveniently accessed by walking through the adjacent meeting room and entering through the door to the left of the bookcases. The restroom is on the left.

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