

November 29, 2009 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

1st Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Veni, Emmanuel

setting by John Ferguson

*Call to Worship

Mary Lynn Polk

Leader: The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and righteousness will appear.

People: **God's promises are made known to us, and we will declare God's goodness and salvation.**

Leader: Lift up your souls in trust and praise; open your hearts and minds to God's teachings.

People: **God's ways will be demonstrated to us, and we will seek to walk in them all our days.**

Leader: Render thanksgiving to God for all life's benefits. Watch and pray, in holiness and abiding faith.

People: **God's mercy and steadfast love will surround us, and we will abound in love for one another.**

*Hymn No. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

Invocation

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

In obedience and trust, we approach you, God of the covenant. Day by day, your promises are fulfilled among us. Our redemption is drawing near. Help us to prepare ourselves and our communities for Christ's coming. Equip us now to worship you with all the saints, past and present, nearby and far away. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Jim and Caroline Dennis

Advent Wreath Hymn

A Candle Is Burning

see insert

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

A Place to Keep Your Son
Chancel Choir

Matthew Corl

Pastoral Prayer

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

Lord's Prayer (In Unison)

Offering

Offertory

Meditation on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

John Barr

*Doxology No. 238 (refrain only)

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Message

Larry Moore

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn No. 202

People, Look East

Besancon

*Affirmation of Faith No. 881

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

†Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Filling in the Gaps"

The Reverend James D. Dennis, Jr.

*Hymn No. 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

*Benediction

*Benediction Response 251 (refrain only)

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

*Postlude

†Sermon Text

*Please stand if you are able

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