

November 27, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Liturgical Color: Purple

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Marisa Rogers

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

David Cherwien

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Richard Pinckney

Leader: Come, let us go in gladness to the house of the Lord.

People: Let us call on the name of the Lord our God, who does awesome deeds we do not expect.

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls. In you we trust, O our God.

People: Let your face shine, O God; save and restore us. For you we will wait all day long.

(based on Psalm 25, 122, 80, Isaiah 64)

***HYMN NO. 203**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Ellacombe

***INVOCATION**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Merciful God, you are our light and our hope. Come to us in our worry and distress; drive away our fear. Come to rule the world with your truth and grace; guide the nations to reflect the glories of your justice and love. Make us ready to observe the birth of the Prince of Peace, that we may work always for the coming of your perfect peace. In the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

***A MODERN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885**

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let now declare:

People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Joey and Lindsay Burns

On each Sunday of Advent we light candles as signs of the Light of the World coming into a world full of shadows. Today we light the first Advent candle, the candle of Hope, and we begin to wait. We are looking forward to something special. What can it be? When is it going to happen? When we light this candle, we watch, wait, and hope. This candle reminds us that the prophet Isaiah was longing for God's presence, too. It reminds us that the people in the early church were also longing for God's presence. This candle is a symbol for our own longing for God to be with us. We wait in hope for God to surprise us and break into our lives.

All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Let this light shine so that we may remember to bring the light of Jesus' presence to all people. "While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become the children of light." (John 12:36)

All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

A Candle is Burning

Sandra Dean (alt.)

James Murray



OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 64:1-9 Page 849 (OT) in pew Bibles
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

***†GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 13:24-37 Page 61 (NT) in pew Bibles
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *A Place to Keep Your Son* Matthew H. Corl
Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* setting by Paul Manz

***DOXOLOGY 238** (refrain only) *Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** The Reverend Terry C. Martin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Susan Pinckney
As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message, they are invited to bring change to help in buying an animal for Heifer International. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***HYMN NO. 196** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hyfrydol

SERMON "Getting Ready" The Reverend Terry C. Martin

***HYMN NO. 202** *People, Look East* Bensacon

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Return now to the places of work and leisure, of tension and release, of demand and achievement.

People: **We will return, glorifying and praising God for all that we have heard and seen.**

Leader: God's peace and goodwill go with you all.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE 204**

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel*

POSTLUDE

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

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