

November 27, 2016

10:00 am

The First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

*Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

ONE: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

**ALL: The Lord is our righteousness.**

ONE: The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and mercy will be executed throughout the land.

**ALL: The Lord is our righteousness.**

ONE: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when my promised One will teach transgressors my ways, and heal the world with love and mercy.

**ALL: The Lord is our righteousness.**

\*Hymn of Praise

New Century Hymnal # 116

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Help us lay aside the works of darkness! Help us put on the armor of light! For in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and made new. Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. Father God, clothe us in righteousness, to walk in your light, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 100:3-5 (NLT)

Gospel Lesson

John 1:11-13 (NLT)

\*Gloria Patri

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.

Sermon

Rev. William Kren

“A Season of Response”

Hymn of Reflection

New Century Hymnal # 115

“The Baptist Shouts on Jordan’s Shore”

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer:

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn of Going Forth

New Century Hymnal # 345

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

“Make Us One”

Make us one Lord, make us one

Holy Spirit, make us one

Let our love flow, so the world will know

We are one in you, we are one in you.

\*Postlude

\*We invite you to stand if you are able.