



**Reaching Up, Reaching Out
Welcoming Everyone,
Serving in God's Love**

November 27th 2022
9:30 AM

Order of Worship

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O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

Boldface type: The congregation speaks in unison

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
David Atkins - Piano

(arr. Vandall)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Rev. Doug Williams

*HYMN

Light the Advent Candle

#2090 vs.1

CALL TO WORSHIP

This day is a day of preparation.

Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready to receive you.

Repentance, changing our attitudes, our lives, is the beginning of our preparation.

Lord, give us courage and confidence.

God will fill us with joy and peace as we become witnesses to God's love.

Lord, help us to be faithful servants all of our days.

HYMN

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

#196 vs.1&2

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free; from our
fears and sins release us, let us find our
rest in thee. Israel's strength and
consolation, hope of all the earth thou
art; dear desire of every nation, joy of
every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a
child and yet a King, born to reign in us
forever, now thy gracious kingdom
bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all
our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient
merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.



Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the secular festival of giving and parties and the swirl of social events; but we forget that the true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. We ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ring Jubilee
Glory Bells

(Goetch)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

Marilyn Nicolas

The Peaceful Kingdom

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear, but with righteousness, he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, an faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. Return of the Remnant of Israel and Judah On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.



HYMN**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

#206 vs.1-3

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:1-12

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'



'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, from the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. Doug Williams

RESPONSE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

#496 vs.1

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORDS PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We bring you our offerings, loving God. We lay them alongside our lives which we also bring to you. Bless both our offerings and our lives, that we may more truly be our people. Amen.



HYMN**People Look East**

#202 vs.1,3&4

1. People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

BLESSING**PEOPLES RESPONSE****Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place**

#328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace, I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

POSTLUDE

Rondeau
Organ

(Morett)



Worship Leaders for Today

Worship Leader/Liturgist-

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Richard Warne

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