

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 26, 2017

10:00am

Hymns can be found in the New Century (black) hymnal.

*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

Carly Donelson

CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES

adapted from Isaiah 40

Dan, Jill, Nate & Will Garrison

Pastor: As the days grow shorter and the nights longer, as the world seems to grow darker, we gather in the light of Christ,

One: Even as we await the coming of the Christ Child.

Two: "Comfort, O comfort my people," says your God!

All: We gather to be comforted and strengthened with hope for this Advent journey.

One: We gather in the wilderness to prepare a way for the Lord and to make straight a highway for our God, for the Promised One is coming.

Two: We wait in hope that God will raise every valley and level every hill, God will make the rough places smooth.

All: Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people shall see it together!

One: So, lift up your voices with praise and do not fear, for God is here!

All: Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel.

WELCOME

Liz Garrigan-Byerly

*OPENING HYMN NO. 101 "Comfort, Comfort O My People"

PSALM 42

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eric Ogi

One: Holy God,

All: It's just a few days after Thanksgiving, and our gratitude is dwindling like the leftovers. The world tells us to move on and we are so easily swept up in the shopping and stress. We're weary, and the season is only beginning! We confess that in our weariness, we grow grumpy with loved ones, short with strangers and uncharitable with the gifts you give us to share. Comfort us, and discomfort us, O God, that we may be present to this season with expectant hope for the coming of the Christ Child. (Silence)

One: In Christ's name we pray, **All: Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

***SUNG RESPONSE NO. 122 "Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"**

STUTTGART

During the hymn, Children can go the chancel for the children's moment.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children will be dismissed to Children's Church.

*SHARING THE HOPE OF CHRIST

One: The hope of Christ be with you, **All: and also with you.**

Please stand and share a greeting with one another.

SOLO

"Comfort Ye"

G.F. Handel

Ethan Rowe, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Mark 13: 24-37

Pew Bible P. 826

SERMON

"Turn Transfixed by Faith"

"Each Winter as the Year Grows Older"

William Gay

Jodi Hitzhusen

**O Child of ecstasy and sorrows, O Prince of peace and pain,
Brighten today's world by tomorrow's,
Renew our lives again; Lord Jesus, come and reign!**

OUR VILLAGE LIFE AND OFFERINGS

Please sign and pass the fellowship book, which is located at the end of each pew.

Please use the prayer request slips, connection cards, and offering cards found in the blue folders, and place them in the offering plate.

Offertory

“And the Glory of the Lord”

G.F Handel

***Doxology and Presentation**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 103**

“Watcher, Tell Us of the Night”

ABERYSTWYTH

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“From Heaven Above, to Earth I Come”

J.S Bach

Go in peace to shine God’s light.

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Today’s Music: We are thankful for the gift of music brought to us today by Music Director, David Carrier and the Adult Choir, and Music Director of First Worship, Jodi Hitzhusen. Thank you!

The Chancel flowers are given today by Charlotte Harrington in loving memory of the father of her four sons, Skip Harrington.

Thursday Night Bible Study Group hosts Fellowship & Refreshments in Village Common immediately following 10am worship. Thank you!

Family Promise Host Week Begins Today, *November 26th – December 3*

We welcome the Family Promise families who will make our church their home this week.

We are still in need of dinner hosts. If you can help please contact:

Christina Oliver at Christina.oliver20@gmail.com, 617-529-9246,

or Diana Carroll at Diana.carroll4@gmail.com, 617-435-5383.

TODAY

- 9:00 AM **Worship Advent I, Chapel**
Rev. Liz Garrigan-Byerly, Rev. Eric Ogi
- 10:00 AM **Worship Advent I, Sanctuary**
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Children's Church & Youth Programs
Infant Through Threes, *Family Worship Room 1st floor (9:50am)*
Pre-K / Kindergarten Students, *Upper Floor (beginning at 9:50am)*
Grades 1-5, *begin in worship then proceed to Upper Floor*
Grades 8, *begin in worship then proceed to Upper Floor*
6th & 7th Grade Youth Group, *Youth Room (10am)*
- 11:15 AM **Fellowship & Refreshments, Village Common**
- 11:30 AM **Sharing Deacons, Parlor**
- 5:00 PM **Family Life Advent Workshop, Upper Level**
All ages will gather at the table for pizza and fellowship then regather for Communion after...Creche making for children & families. Reflections on the journey to the manger through song, silence, scripture, poetry, art and conversation for adults.

Please Note: **High School Youth Group** will meet Monday Nov. 27, 7pm (not Sunday) due to Thanksgiving Weekend.

H.O.M.E. Store (Homeworkers Organized for More Employment)

December 2 & 3, Saturday 9am - 4pm & Sunday, 11:15am - 1:30pm

The H.O.M.E. store will be here to sell their home-made crafts and jams. Please come out and support them. If you are able to help with the set up or tear down and/or during the sale, please email Bev Lenci at: beverlylenci@gmail.com.