

4 Advent

Love



December 20, 2020

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle and Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the fourth candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord and to welcome him into his temple, our hearts and homes. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord our God, you break into our world with a message of love. Renew our strength as we wait for your coming. Shine your light for those who live in darkness. Establish your peace throughout the earth. Prepare our hearts for the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of us all. Amen.

P: We light the Advent candle of LOVE and remember that God came to us in love through Jesus Christ. We look forward to celebrating his birthday with a new sense of love for each other. "Let us love one another, for love is of God."

Call to Confession

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

(Silence for reflection)

Prayer of Confession

P: Loving and Forgiving God,

C: We confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.

Forgiveness

P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free— free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Greeting

P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Handbell Duet

Word

God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.

Reading: Ezekiel 43:1-7a

¹Then he brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. ²And there, the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east; the sound was like the sound of mighty waters; and the earth shone with his glory. ³The vision I saw was like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city, and like the vision that I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. ⁴As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east, ⁵the spirit lifted me up, and brought me into the inner court; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

⁶While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me out of the temple. ⁷He said to me: Mortal, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will reside among the people of Israel forever.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

²For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

Responsive hum

⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do
they pledge by what is false.

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD and
righteousness from the God of their
salvation.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek you,
O LORD, of those who seek your face,
O God of Jacob.

Responsive hum

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up,
O everlasting doors, that the King of
glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong
and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Responsive hum

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up,
O everlasting doors, that the King of
glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of
hosts is the King of glory.

Responsive hum

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels:

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr.
Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr.
unknown, st. 2

Gospel: Haggai 1:1-15

¹In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest: ²Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD's house. ³Then the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ⁴Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? ⁵Now therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider how you have fared. ⁶You have sown much, and harvested little; you eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and you that earn wages earn wages to put them into a bag with holes.

⁷Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider how you have fared. ⁸Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored, says the LORD. ⁹You have looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? says the LORD of hosts. Because my house lies in ruins, while all of you hurry off to your own houses. ¹⁰Therefore the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its produce. ¹¹And I have called for a drought on the land and the hills, on the grain, the new wine, the oil, on what the soil produces, on human beings and animals, and on all their labors.

¹²Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of the prophet Haggai, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people feared the LORD. ¹³Then Haggai, the messenger of the LORD, spoke to the people with the LORD's message, saying, I am with you, says the LORD. ¹⁴And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, ¹⁵on the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

"The Throne of God"

Pastor Dave

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing God's Peace

Offering Prayer

P: Generous God,

C: you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." Communion will be available as you leave worship. For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. Children not yet communing are invited to receive a blessing.

P: The Lord be with you,

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts,

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Christmas Worship Times

Wednesday, December 23

12:00 PM – Sanctuary Worship

5:00 PM – Parking Lot Worship

7:00 PM – Sanctuary Worship

Thursday, December 24

3:00 PM – Sanctuary Worship &
Live on Facebook

5:00 PM – Parking Lot Worship

9:00 PM – Sanctuary Worship

Christmas Day

Facebook Only Worship – 9:00 A.M.

Registration is necessary for the in person December 23rd and 24th services. We are limited to 100 people at each service. We will post updates on the numbers registered on Facebook and the website. It is not necessary to register for the parking lot services or our regular Sunday worship.

Register by calling the church office at 233-4430, emailing jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org, or by visiting our website at www.oursaviorsnewulm.org.



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12/13 General Offering	\$ 6,693.75	\$ 422,022.18	\$ 433,161.54
12/13 Building Fund	\$ 450.00	\$ 62,633.30	\$ 72,836.50
TOTALS:	\$ 7,143.75	\$ 484,655.48	\$ 505,998.04
12/13 World Hunger	\$ 55.00	\$ 9,250.00.00	

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