FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

9:00 AM



New Song

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"You must be [a people] of ceaseless hope, because only tomorrow can today's human and Christian promise be realized; and every tomorrow will have its own tomorrow, world without end. Every human act, every Christian act, is an act of hope. But that means you must be men and women of the present, you must live this moment—really live it, not just endure it—because this very moment, for all its imperfection and frustration, because of its imperfection and frustration, is pregnant with all sorts of possibilities, is pregnant with the future, is pregnant with love, is pregnant with Christ."

- Walter J. Burghardt

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE Margaret LaMotte Torrence

CALL TO WORSHIP AND DAWNING OF THE LIGHT Michael and Becky Fingerle

In Advent, we remember and anticipate the coming of Jesus:
as an infant sent to show us the depths of God's love,
and as the anointed Christ who will come again to reign in power.

(The first Advent candle is lit.)

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
We wait for the Lord, and in God's word we hope.
For with the Lord there is boundless love, and healing power.
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

SONGS OF WORSHIP *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
Here I Am to Worship

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Margaret LaMotte Torrence

Lord of all hopefulness,
You announce to us the day of your coming,
but we find ourselves consumed with the worries of this day.
You ask us to be vigilant in our watch for your kingdom,
but we are weary from so many years
of waiting for its fullness.
Forgive our distraction, our complacency, our despair.
Come to us again, Lord Jesus.
Fill us with hope. Restore us in love.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Rev. Dr. Kathleen Wiggins
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING	Isaiah 40:1-5	
SECOND SCRIPTURE READING	Philippians 2:3-11	
SERMON	*"But . . . Why?"*	Rev. Dr. Kathleen Wiggins
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Margaret LaMotte Torrence
SONG OF RESPONSE	*After All*	
CALL FOR THE OFFERING		
SENDING SONG	*God of This City*	
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Kathleen Wiggins

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