

# Service Of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Striking of the Hour

\*Processional

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: Give ear to us, O Shepherd of Israel, you lead us like a flock!

**People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine. Stir up your might and come and save us!**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise

*Joyful! Joyful! We Adore Thee*

Children's Story Time

## WORSHIP THROUGH MEDIATION

**Symbolism Of The Advent Wreath:**

**The John Godfrey family**

The wreath is round, with no beginning or end, testifying to the eternity of God's creation, of His love and care for mankind. The wreath is of evergreen, recalling that our faith, our hope, and our love are always alive when they spring from God and His Son. The candles represent the one who said, "I am the light of the world." There are four candles, each representing a Sunday in Advent, and a fifth candle, which is the Christmas candle.

The Lighting of The First Advent Candle

**Leader:** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

**CONGREGATION: Why do we light one candle?**

**Leader:** This first candle reminds us of the light of hope that the prophets had in their expectation of a Messiah who would bring peace and love to the world.

**UNISON: Isaiah the Prophet wrote: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has the light shined."**

\*Hymn of Preparation

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**\*UNISON PRAYER:** Dear God, our world is in darkness. We need the light of hope and love to shine in our world. Help us to prepare our lives and our homes to receive the One who said, "I am the light of the world." We pray in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.

Morning Prayer

## WORSHIP THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

Offerings

Special Music

Scripture

Sermon

*A Child is Born*

\* Hymn of Invitation

*Only Believe*

\*Benediction

\*Chiming of the Trinity

\*Extinguishing of the Candles of Worship

\*Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

\*Time of Fellowship and Friendly Greeting

\*All who are able please stand

Doxology

Leslie Hanna

Isaiah 9:2-7

Rev. Etic Burmahl

**Welcome!** We welcome all those who worship with us today. If you are a guest, we want to give you a special welcome. If you are looking for a church home, we would count it an honor to have you make it here. A staffed **Nursery** is available for small children through the doors at the front right side of the sanctuary. We have a Children's Worship Time during the "Sermon" time. Children ages 3 yrs. old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade leave following the Offertory.

**The Nativity Arrangement** on the Altar today is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lawton and Mary Maddox.

**Sunday: 10:00 Sunday School**

10:55 **Worship Service**

3:00 **Youth play practice**

**Monday: 7:00 Cub Scouts**

**Wednesday 7:00 Boy Scouts**

If you would like to give a **poinsettia** in honor or in memory of someone, please let Mary Griffin know by Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. There are forms in the Narthex. They will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 13 and 20.

Beginning today, the Deacons will again offer the **Christmas Card Exchange** program for Shallow Well folks. Just bring your cards addressed to other Shallow Well attendees, and place them in the box in the Narthex. Then check the box each week to pick up cards addressed to you. There will be a jar for donations of postage that you saved and the proceeds will go to the Deacon's Fund to help those in need. This is a good way to wish your Church Family a very Merry Christmas.

**Outreach Mission** will be drawing the name of the new owner of the playhouse/shed/"she shed" next Saturday! Have you purchased a ticket, yet? Just \$10.00! See Earl Murphy.

A fifth Sunday is a gift. We can do some catching up with our November CUOC which are **canned sweet potatoes and/or green beans, and cranberry sauce and/or stuffing**. We also have the opportunity to get ahead for December. We will be donating soups and crackers. The pop-top cans are especially helpful! Remember our personal hygiene items.

Please check our official **angel tree**. Some angels remain from round two. At present we have seven more on the tree. Our church-wide Christmas project always has a wonderful effect on the families. Please be a part of this. Remember our East Lee donations of Kleenex and sanitizing wipes.

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