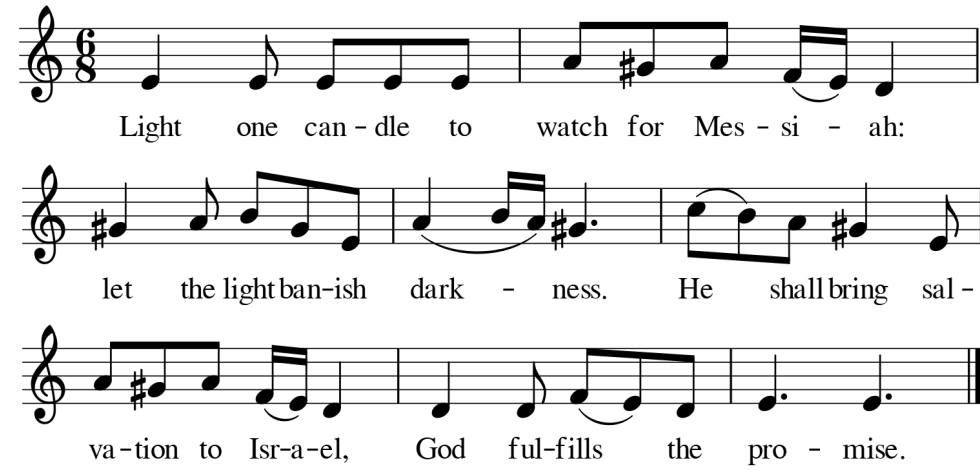


LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

Moo Eh Soe Mya Soe

One: We light this candle for hope:

All: that we, too, might find a new life in Jesus.



Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si-ah:
let the light ban-ish dark-ness. He shall bring sal-
va-tion to Isr-a-el, God ful-fills the pro-mise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

Time for silent confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

* PEACE RESPONSE:



Peace, peace, peace, till war and violence cease. For



God has made us sis-ter, brother, so that we may love each other.
Peace, peace, peace, till war and vio-lence cease.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME.

*Children who go to Godly Play can follow the teachers
to their room. When you pick up your children at 11:10 am
from the second floor Godly Play room, please sign them out
or provide other pick up instructions.*

* HYMN #104: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" *Valet Will Ich*

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THE EPISTLES: Romans 13:11-14 p. 162 NT

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44 p. 27 NT

One: The Word of the Lord

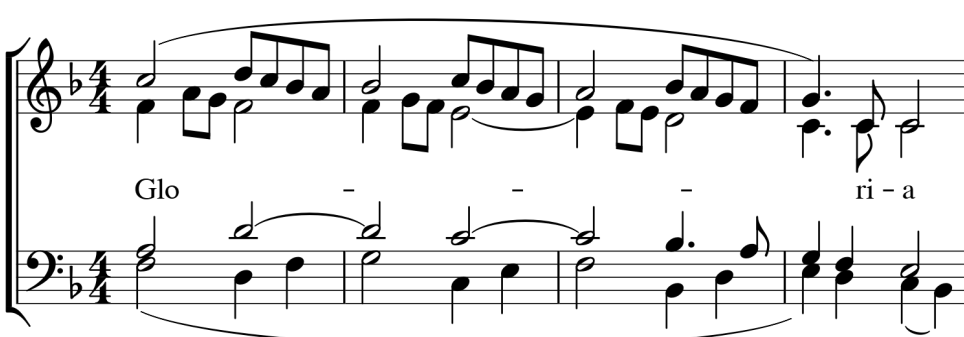
All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM.

MESSAGE: "The Unexpected Hour" Rev. Cindy Weaver

*"...for the Son of Humanity is coming at an unexpected hour."
- Matthew 24:44*

* GLORIA PATRI:



Glo-ri-a



in ex-cel-sis De-o! Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

One: As wise ones of old gave their gifts,

All: we present to the Christ child our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY. "Now Thank We All Our God" *G.F. Kaufmann*

* DOXOLOGY:



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise Christ, all
crea-tures here be-low! Praise Ho-ly Spi-rit ev-er-
more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from Philippians 2.*

Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus: who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited; but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself, and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

* HYMN #88: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *Veni Emmanuel* verses 5-7

* BENEDICTION.

* CHORAL AMEN.

POSTLUDE. Toccata *F. Peeters*

Please join us for fellowship time in the narthex following the service - serving snacks and coffee, but most of all friendship.

Our ushers this morning are

Rick Vaughan, Judy Vaughan, Deborah Streeter, and Tom Owens

Our greeters are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harrison Faulkner

The Flowers for today's service are given by Angie Chen, "in memory of William's parents, Hoping and Yuhsieh Chen"

We hold in our prayers: Ann Cedarholm; Bobbie Collyer; Tom Hurst; Nancy Jenkins; Nita King; Betsy Mann; Martha Mapes; Gayle Park; Mark Radice; and Connie and Don Scott and family.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30am-12:30pm Nursery
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship Time
3:00 pm Hanging of the Greens
5:00 pm Living Hope Fellowship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28:

7:00 pm Session (Hybrid)
7:00 pm Monday Evening Study Group (Zoom)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29:

7:00 pm AA Meeting
7:00 pm Contra Dance Music—3rd Floor

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30:

2:00 pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:30 pm Finger Lakes Pipe Band—3rd floor

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1:

8:00 am Strategic Planning Committee Mtg (Zoom)
6:30 pm Community Game Night—Dodds
7:00 pm Piperventilators (YFN) - 3rd Floor
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4: COMMUNION SUNDAY

9:00 am Youth Group
9:30am-12:30pm Nursery
10:00 am Worship and Children's Church (Godly Play)
11:00 am Fellowship Time
11:20 am Adult Education—Dodds Hall
11:30 am Youth Choir—Choir room, lower level
12:30 pm Deacons Meeting—Dodds
5:00 pm Living Hope Fellowship

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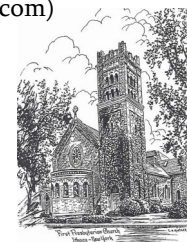
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NOVEMBER 27, 2022: THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

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PRELUDE: "Pavan" *W. Byrd*
"Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend" *J.G. Walther*
"Blessed Assurance" *arr. C. Callahan*

WELCOME: Rev. Kirianne Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Isaiah 2:1-5)* Liturgist: Margaret Shackell-Dowell

One: In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

All: **and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.**

One: Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob;

All: **that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."**

One: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

All: **He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;**

One: they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

All: **nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Our acolyte today is Liam Riehl

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* Sitting or standing is a matter of custom and preference but not a requirement. You are invited to participate in whatever way makes you most comfortable.