

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

We Gather

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of Advent Candle Gary and Arena Coryer

*Call to Worship

Leader: People of faith prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

People: As we gather to pray and sing and listen, a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.

Leader: The days are surely coming, says Our God, when justice and righteousness will prevail.

People: May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds, freeing us to respond joyfully to God's call in the days to come.

*Opening Hymn #128 Prepare the Way, O Zion!

*Hymn #120 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

*Scripture Lesson Acts 1:8-14
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Beginning with the End

Interlude

We Respond

Prayers of the People

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response:

He said, "Freely, freely, you have received; freely, freely give.

Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live."

Communion Hymn #570

One Bread, One Body

Communion

Lord's Prayer (*see insert*)

We Are Sent Into the World

*Closing Hymn #131

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

*Benediction

*Response (*our tradition is to face and bless each other as we sing*)

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face to shine upon you

and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,

the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,

And give you, give you, give you peace.

Leader:

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Denotes all who are able, please stand

Helping Us to Worship

Ministers to the World:

The Congregation

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Scripture Reader:

Josy Moore

Communion Provider/Server:

Billie Hall

Greeter:

Karen Zidovsky

Church Cleaners:

Josy and Gordon Moore

Acts 1:8-14 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰ As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them.

¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile. ¹³ When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying.

Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the zealot), and Judas (son of James). ¹⁴ They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

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,
for ever. Amen.

Welcome!

Greetings! And a warm welcome to you!

We are glad to have you here—we are better together.

If you are visiting us for the first time,
please sign our guest book at the entrance,
and complete a visitor's card

Please join us for coffee or tea after worship.
We would like to get to know you.

Child care (infant through pre-K) is provided
during the worship service.

We ask that you please pick up your child
promptly after church.

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 2nd

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 3rd

Senior Meals, 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 6th

Alpha Group, 1:00 p.m.

Community Soup & Bread Supper, 4:30 p.m.

Alpha Group, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 7th

Praying Together, 4:00 p.m.

If you have announcements, prayer requests or other special needs contact Pastor Jeannette Conver, 879-4313 (church) or Diane Border, Church Administrative Assistant 879-4313

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 9th

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 12th

Red Cross Blood Drive at CCC, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 13th

Alpha Group, 1:00 p.m.

Food Shelf Set Up, 6:00 p.m.

Alpha Group, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 14th

Praying Together, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 15th

Food Shelf Distribution, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 16th

Adult Study, 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship—December 9, 2018

Greeter: Sue Grab

Church Cleaners: Billie Hall & Sue Grab
(December 3-16)

Announcements

- **Senior Lunch at Covenant Community Church, Monday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.:** Talk with Marcia Morrell if you would like to help with this outreach.
- **Adult Study Sunday mornings at 9:00AM** You are invited to join us at any time. We'll be considering God's vision for the world and where we can each fit into that. Come join us!

- **Community Soup and Bread Supper, Thursday, December 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m.:** We need 7-8 crock pots of soup; a variety of 4-6 breads (artisan, savory, sweet, and a gluten free choice). Sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Any questions, talk with Billie Hall or Benita Lord.
- **Alpha Groups:** The Alpha ministry is meant to equip us for ministry and outreach in our community. It will be a safe place to ask questions about faith and life. The groups will meet at the church every week (except Thanksgiving) until the first week of Advent and resume in January. Please make this a priority.
Thursday mornings, 1:00PM. Facilitator Pastor Jeannette.
Thursday evening, 6:00PM. Facilitator Don Turner
- **Praying Together:** Pastor Jeannette invites you to join her at church every Friday, 4:00PM.
- **"Baby Shower" for Stephanie (Hubbard) Miller:** The Congregational Life Team would like to have a 'baby shower' for Stephanie, daughter of Don and Helen Hubbard. Her baby boy (Jackson) is due very soon! Anyone who would like to bring a gift is welcome to drop it off, wrapped, at church. We will have everything ready for Don to bring to her when he's in church on Sunday, December 9th. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Turner, Josy Moore or Carolyn Carlson.
- **Food Shelf Set Up, December 13, 6:00 p.m.** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Route 15, Jericho.
Food Shelf Distribution, December 15, 9:00 a.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Announcements

American Red Cross Drive, Wednesday, December 12, 1:00-6:00 p.m. at Covenant Community Church. Give the gift of life.