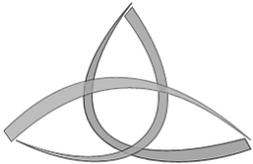
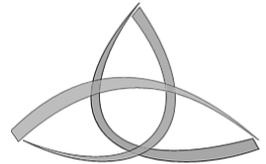




**Worship with Holy Communion
First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021**



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God Gathers Us In to Worship

Welcome

Prelude

Jan Gibson

Gathering Song

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

*Please stand as you are able
ELW 244*

Please be seated

Advent Candle Lighting First Sunday of Advent

Pastor: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.
Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

People: **Amen.**

Song: *A Candle is Burning* (tune: *Away in a Manger*)

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;
A candle of *Hope* in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: God for whom we wait,

**People: in the presence of one another,
 we confess our sin before you.
 We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
 We falter in our call to tend your creation.
 We find our sense of self in material wealth.
 We fear those different from ourselves.
 We forget that we are your children
 and turn away from your love.
 Forgive us, Blessed One,
 and assure us again of your saving grace.
 Amen.**

Pastor: God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
 Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
 ✝ your sins are forgiven.
 You are children of the Most High,
 inheritors of the eternal promise,
 and recipients of divine mercy.
 God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

People: Amen.

Please stay standing as you are able

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the
 Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God,

People: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

God Proclaims His Holy Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The LORD is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Reading: Luke: 21:25-36

God will fulfill God's purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God's people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God's promised redemption.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Pastor: Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Message “Yearning for Hope”

Pastor Jodi Golden-Lund

Please stand as you are able

Song O come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW 257 (v 1,5,7)

Confession of Faith/Apostle's Creed

Pastor: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

A series of petitions will be offered for the sake of those in need within the church and within the community and world.

Pastor: Hear us, O God...

People: Your mercy is great.

Passing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

God Nourishes Us at His Holy Table

Offering Prayer

Pastor: God of our waiting and watching,

People: we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.
Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Words of Institution

Pastor: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." And again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord. Teach us to pray, saying from our hearts:

People: **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.**

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Come to Christ's banquet.
Feast on God's gift of grace.

Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

All Christians are welcome to share with us in Holy Communion. The gift of Holy Communion is given by God without condition; therefore, we do not condition who may receive. If you would like to receive Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine, simply do so.

Songs During Communion

*All Earth is Hopeful
Come now, O Prince of Peace*

*ELW 266
ELW 247*



Please stand as you are able

Post-Communion Blessing

Pastor: May these gifts of Jesus' body and blood strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

People: Amen

God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Others

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Most High God,

People: you have come among us at this table.

**By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
Amen.**

Please be seated

Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Benediction and Blessing

Pastor: The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

People: Amen.

Sending Song *Keep your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* (insert)

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace, Christ is near

People: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Jan Gibson

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*Sharing God's love and grace, we invite, embrace and nurture everyone,
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Ushers: Kathryn Benander
Servers: Muriel Josten
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Camera: Ray Cauwet, Andy Buzzelli
Altar Care: Karin Wiseman
Multi-Media: Dave Hensley

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Choir Director: Dave Hensley

Weekly Scriptures to read at home:

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Phillipians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Prayer Requests

New Prayer Concerns

For John Horn who is grieving the loss of his wife, Barbara. Prayers in hope for resurrection (June Mowles)

For her friend Loretta S. who is very ill with breathing problems and is on hospice care (June Mowles)

For the family and friends of Cindy (Susan Firestone)

Prayers for a hip replacement soon (Juanita Baldwin)

For Marvin Sharp, who has his second cataract surgery on Tuesday, Prayers for absence of pain and healing.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

For peaceful passing for Jackie, (her sister-in-law) who is near death (Gloria Miller)

For Carol Bentz, who has been diagnosed with cancer. She will be having surgery.

For successful cardiac surgery for Ed (Susan Firestone)

Prayers for peace and equality for all God's children, For God's creation. Please heal our planet and provide clean water supplies for all (Julie Elston)

For her granddaughter, Karrie who is recovering from a serious surgery (June Mowles)

For Ernie Rodriguez whose surgery has been postponed until December 22nd. and is presently recuperating at home from his recent Injury. .

For Marcia Worden who is continuing with chemotherapy

Marga Schaefer for continued healing

Peggy Holt - for healing and comfort due to health problems, for continued healing from surgery

Julie Elston - for continued health concerns

Muriel Josten - for continued healing after knee replacement

Brian Nelson (Scott Nelson) - for continuing health concerns

La Vida Nueva UMC - for God to prosper our partnership in the gospel

The Sierra-Pacific Synod - for wisdom and a spirit of true fellowship in our shared ministries

Foothill Presbyterian - for God's blessing on our partnership with their community

Those unable to worship with us:

June Mowles - Sierra Hills

Phyllis Rengstorf - Kaweah Manor, Visalia

Rose Johnson Sierra Hills

Peggy Holt - Gateway Post Acute

Marga Schaefer - Sierra Valley Rehab

Birthdays: Nancy Chadwell

Anniversaries:



Join us every Sunday!

Bible Study
Worship w/Communion

9:45am
11:00am