



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2019
11:00 a.m.

† Those who are able, please stand

Prelude

"Awake, the Voice Is Calling Us"

BWV 645 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Westminster Peal

GATHERING

Welcome and Church Family Life

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

Introit

"Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us"

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

Moved by the Spirit

Family Promise

Moira Speirs

Lighting the Advent Candle

Christian Education Ministry Team
Mary McClurg & Pat Davis

Without hope, we have no direction, no purpose.
As we begin the season of Advent,
we wait in hopeful anticipation
of the newness God has brought and is bringing to this world.
We seek to live as a people of hope,
with our hearts set on our the life to come,
and our eyes set on the work we're called to do in the meantime.
We light this candle to symbolize our hope in Jesus' birth.
We gather to share this hope with one another.

† Hymn No. 9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Pamela Wall

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Silent Confession....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the Good New of the Gospel.

All: *In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

† Response No. 23

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

Glo-o-oria in excelsis Deo;

Glo-o-oria in excelsis Deo!

† Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:36-44

pg. 85

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"You Coming?"

Rev. Abernethy

RESPONSE

† Hymn No. 20

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

ABERYSTWYTH

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AND OFFERING

Offering

Offertory

Variations on "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel" arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)
Matthias Young, Guitar; Dr. Kenneth Sass, Organ

† Doxology (#592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

** Please Wait for Pastor & Choir to Stand *
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

† Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Then in the fullness of time...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: You are holy, O God... For Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

† Closing Hymn No. 15	"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"	LLANGLOFFAN
† Benediction		
† Choral Response	"Song of Simeon"	arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams
Called Congregational Meeting		
† Postlude	"Awake, the Voice Is Calling Us" Op. 10, No. 6	Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Upcoming Events

December 1	5:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens
	6:00 p.m.	Dinner—Fellowship Hall
December 7	6-9:00 p.m.	Open House at the Ray's
December 8	4:00 p.m.	Atlanta Concert Band Christmas Concert
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Christmas Caroling
	6:30 p.m.	Compassionate Friends Service
December 22	11:00 a.m. (one service)	Lessons & Carols
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Live Nativity
	5:30 p.m.	Candlelight Service

Worship Participants for December 1, 2019

Pastor - Rev. Barrett Abernethy	Guest Organist - Dr. Kenneth Sass
Interim Dir. of Music - Matthias Young	Liturgist - Pamela Wall



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