

Welcome

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019



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ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came—Raabe

Confessions of Sins:

P. In this Season of Advent let us prepare for worship by confessing our sins.

(Silence for personal confession.)

P. And now, as a family in Christ, we confess together:

C. **O Holy God of Promise, we so often place our trust in the things we can see, touch and easily believe. But you did not ask us to believe what is easy, you have asked us to believe what is true! Forgive us, Holy One, when we doubt the ways you work. Forgive us when we find it hard to believe an ancient story. Forgive us we question how you chose to enter the world, born as one of us. Forgive our lack of faith and belief in ways which seem so impossible to believe. Help us to look in faith, open our belief, and set aside our doubts that you sent your Son, born of a virgin — the One who has come to set us all free. We offer these prayers in the name of your Son, Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.**

P. O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. As we journey through Advent, we know that Christ has already come into our world and lives, has already been born in us. We are renewed and restored. Go and share the good news of God's love and restoration.

C. **Amen.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath Service

The Ken Clifton Family

Advent Litany

L. Praise be to your God!

C. **For He has done marvelous things.**

L. He promised to send His Son, Jesus.

C. **We wait and anticipate His coming anew!**

Today we begin the Season of Advent. The color is blue and is symbolic of hope. The first candle is called THE PROPHECY CANDLE. It leads us back to the Old Testament prophet Isaiah who told of the coming of the Messiah 800 years before Jesus was born. We read from Isaiah 9:2-7

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The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them a light has shined.

- 3 You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy;
They rejoice before You
According to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.
- 4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder,
The rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.
- 5 For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, and garments rolled in blood,
Will be used for burning *and* fuel of fire.
- 6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of *His* government and peace
There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

**WE NOW LIGHT THE PROPHECY CANDLE AND WE SING VERSE 1 OF
"LIGHT ONE CANDLE"**

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

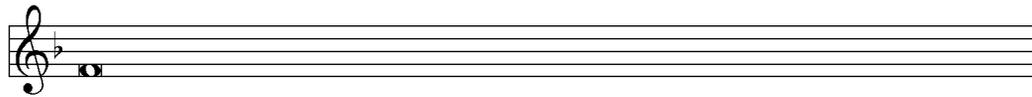
C **And also with you.**

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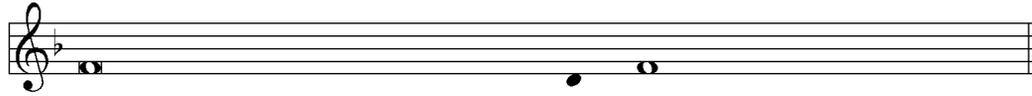
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

B Lord, have mer - cy.



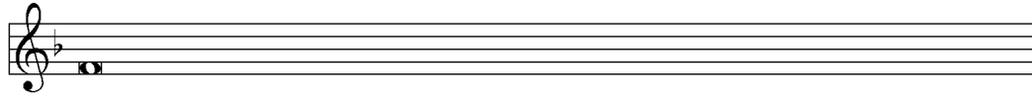
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

The Hymn of Praise



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ The Lord be with you. ☞ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray. . .

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Corbell

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, 3 and 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, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Here ends the reading.

PSALM 122 (read in unison)

- 1 I was glad when they said to me,*
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing*
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city*
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,*
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment,*
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:*
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls*
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ sake,*
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God,*
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND LESSON Romans 13:[8-10] 11-14

[8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.] 11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

"THE NICENE CREED

**c We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

PIANO SELECTION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel—arr. Murphy

Please stand

OFFERTORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

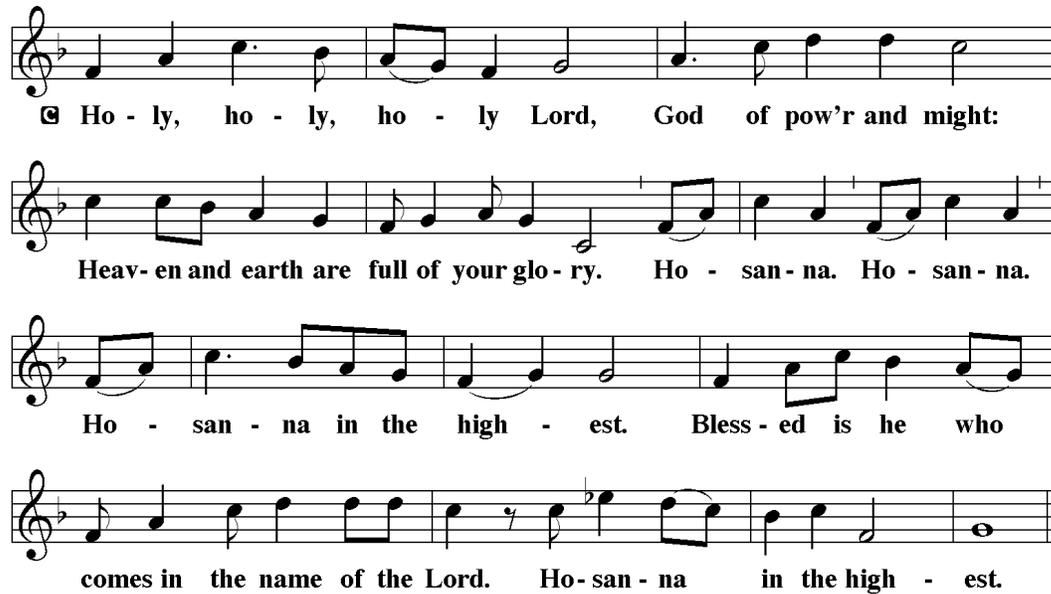
P Let us pray
Merciful Father

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—out selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us. Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT
THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary we praise your name and join their unending hymn



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.
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

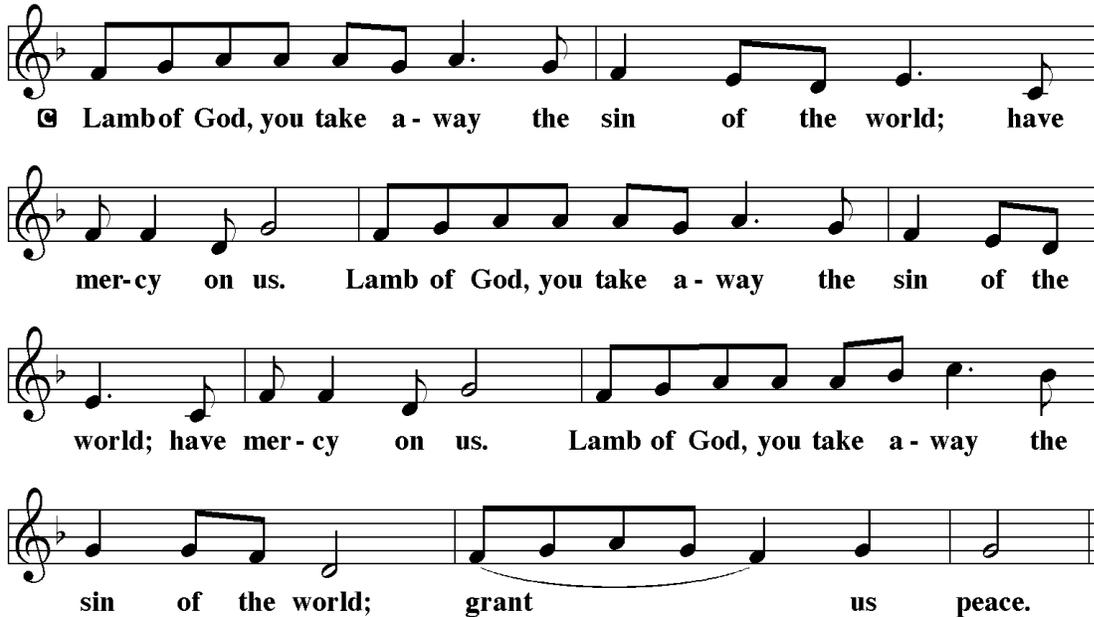
**c Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized and believe Christ is truly present within the elements of the bread and wine are welcome to God's table. Today we receive the sacrament by way of "intinction." After receiving the wafer, dip it into the wine. Grape juice is provided for anyone who is not able to receive the wine.

AGNUS DEI



C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.
LBW 212 Let Us Break Bread Together*

Please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

p The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION

CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Let us Pray

P Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

HYMN In The Morning When I Rise Give Me Jesus WOV 777

1 In the morning, when I rise,
in the morning, when I rise,
in the morning, when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain:

**Give me Jesus.
give me Jesus,
you may have all this world,
give me Jesus.**

2. Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the beark of day
give me Jesus. **[Refrain]**

3 Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. **[Refrain]**

4 Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,

give me Jesus. **[Refrain]**
5. And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. **[Refrain]**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Lessons for Next Week:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

ASSISTANTS SERVING SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

Acolytes: Jordan and Mallory Eagle

Lay Reader: Robyn Arey and Steve Walton

Communion Assistants: Brad Huffman and Steve Walton

Ushers: Phil Cauble (HU), Mike Cauble, Larry Barringer, Don Davis

LOOSE OFFERING: Social Ministry

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Jane Peeler, Zarah Plyler, Pat and Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jean Kluttz (Autumn Care), Bob Wilhelm (The Meadows-Rockwell), Jean Ray (Brookdale), Ed & Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B).

Homebound Members - Ray Chambers, Mary Brady, Rachel Earnhardt, Billy Waller, Michael Walton, and Frances Norris.

Sick/Surgery/Recovery—Josh Eagle, Ruth Myers, Teresa Kesler, Linda Hartley, Phoebe & Marvin Nunn, Bob Goodwin, Glenn Eagle, Donnie Miller, Pat Kluttz, Larry Shepherd, Harold Miller, Grace Morgan, Effie Vellines, Lynn Coughenour, Karen Plyler, Tommy Kerns, Eric Miller, Bill Broadway.

Continual Prayer – Jamie Troutman (son of Joan Troutman), Shelia Mulkey, June Fraley, Tamera Honeycutt, Teresa Frank, (Pam Vellines cousin), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Marie Gorapic, (sister of Linda Spencer), Vanna Calloway, friend of Kat Clifton, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Pat Miller, (friend of Jan Huffman), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Donna Collins (friend of Sharon Leazer), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan).

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Sun. Dec. 1	9:30 am Confirmation classes 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion 1:30 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal 2:30 pm Union Women 3:00 pm Youth Bell Practice 3:30 pm Concert Praise Team of Catawba College Cong. Invited 5:00 pm Game Night
Mon. Dec. 2	6:00 pm Worship & Music Committee
Wed. Dec. 4	5:30 pm Executive Meeting 6:30 pm Belles and Beaus 7:00 pm Scouts 7:30 pm Chancel Choir
Fri. Dec. 6	5:00 pm Game Night
Sat. Dec. 7	8:30 am Rescheduled GREAT RAKE—Lunch provided
Next Sun. Dec. 8	7:30 am Council Meeting 9:30 am Confirmation 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion—Install New Council 1:30 pm Children's Play Rehearsal 3:0 pm Youth Bell Practice Christmas Caroling

THE GREAT RAKE - 2019 RESCHEDULES SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

Please join us as we serve our members who might find leaf removal a challenge. Bring your rakes, blowers, tarps, and gloves! Lunch will be provided. Spend some time in nature doing a good deed for



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It is that time of the year again! We have pre-ordered 40 poinsettias for Christmas. Please complete and return the form below to Ruth Goodman by Sunday, December 15 2019. Cost will be \$10.00 each. (One form per poinsettia - additional forms in the Narthex.)

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