



*The Glory of It All  
Advent 2016*

**November 27, 2016**  
*The First Sunday of Advent*

### **Celebration of Worship**

\* If you are able, please stand.

#### **Prelude**

Canzon XII

Giovanni Gabrieli (1557-1612)

The Recorder Consort with Amy Visscher, cello

#### **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Lauren, Andrew, Ben, and Robert Shohen

#### \* **Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Rev. Dr. David Smazik

Leader: This is the season of holy waiting.

**People: We wait and watch for signs of the Messiah.**

Leader: We wait in the shadows for the Light of the World to appear.

**People: Let us walk in the light of God!**

#### \* **Hymn 106**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

*Bereden Väg För Herran*

#### **Confession and Pardon**

The Rev. Sarah Green

##### **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

God who is with us, and God who is on the way, we confess that we do not wait or watch for you. Words of darkness encumber and distract us. Petty jealousies, hard quarrels, ambitions rooted in selfish desires – they command our attention. We miss the signs and have ceased to hope for peace and harmony among the nations or for security apart from the defenses we construct. We hear your promises, Lord, but dare not trust them. God of power and love, awaken us to hope and fit us for your coming, that we may watch for you with confidence and joy. Amen.

**Kyrie: Hymn 84, vs. 1**      Creator of the Stars of Night      *Conditōr Alme Siderum*

## Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Pardon *(responsively)*

Leader: We thank you for the harvest of goodness you supply for us.

**People: Above all, we praise you for your son,**

Leader: who came to show mercy,

**People: who came to bring us forgiveness.**

**\* Response: Hymn 113 *(refrain)***      Angels We Have Heard on High      *Gloria*

### **\* Passing of the Peace**

## A Time for Young Christians

### Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

**God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading:**      Isaiah 2:1-5      (Old Testament, page 594)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

Keep Your Lamps      arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)

The Chancel Choir

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.*

*Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.*

*Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.*

**Second Scripture Reading:**      Matthew 24:36-44      (New Testament, page 26)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**      "Focusing Your Field of Vision"      Rev. Smazik

**\* Hymn 97**      Watchman, Tell Us of the Night      *Aberystwyth*

**Moment for Mission:**

Operation Love

Jean Johnson

**Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

*(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Prayer cards will be collected with the offering. Donations may be made online through our website. )*

**Offertory**

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

The Chancel Choir

*Peace be to you and grace from Him who frees us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!*

**\* Doxology (Hymn 606)**

*Old Hundredth*

**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 Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** *(unison)*

**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.**

**\* Hymn 105**

People, Look East

*Besançon*

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

Three Carols

The Recorder Consort

arr. Edgar Pettman (1867-1943)

Participating in the service today are the Reverends Dr. David Smazik and Sarah Green;  
Matthew Webb, Director of Music; and the Recorder Consort.  
The acolytes are Emma Craig and Mekhi Lawrence.

GREETING YOU this morning are Maureen and Dave Rogers,  
and Beverly and Tom Tignor.

USHERS: Craig Dodd, head usher, Mikey Duffill, Sydney Ewen, Stan Mack,  
and Shirley and Dave Mutchler.

Our Fellowship Hour hosts today are members of the Outreach Committee.

The FLOWERS in the sanctuary are given in loving memory of  
their parents by William and Margaret Bruen.

Thank you to our Sound Team that faithfully works every Sunday.

**OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** *For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.*

**Sunday, Nov 27 First Sunday of Advent**

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar
- 8:45 a.m. Advent Study
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)  
What's Up Table – Operation Love

**Monday, Nov 28**

No open meetings today.

**Tuesday, Nov 29**

- 8:00 a.m. Small Group (D. Lisco)
- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Study
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Wednesday, Nov 30**

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 12:00 p.m. Worship (Chapel)
- 4:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 4:15 p.m. Midweek
- 4:30 p.m. Bel Melodia (Multi-Purpose Room)
- 5:05 p.m. Bel Canto (Multi-Purpose Room)
- 5:00 p.m. Advent Study
- 6:00 p.m. Midweek Family Dinner (Sheffield Hall)
- 6:05 p.m. Tower Choir (Multi-Purpose Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Small Group – N. Verhoef
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

**Thursday, Dec 1**

- 9:15 a.m. Christian Yoga (Parish House)
- 11:00 a.m. Advent Study
- 1:00 p.m. JAM

**Friday, Dec 2** *Office closes at noon*

- 9:00 a.m. AAA
- 9:30 a.m. Volunteers (Bulletins)

**Saturday, Dec 3**

Johnsonburg Retreat – Middle School Youth

**Sunday, Dec 4 Second Sunday of Advent**

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 8:45 a.m. Parent Lecture Series
- 8:45 a.m. Advent Study
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)  
Technology Help Desk
- 11:15 a.m. Inquirers' Class
- 6:00 p.m. Big Band Holiday Concert

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We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

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**Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.**

## Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

## Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

## Please come again

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
  - 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
  - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., in the Choir Room**
- **Wednesday Worship Service at Noon in the Chapel**



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