

Sunday Worship

December 1, 2024, 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Preparation

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Rose Aiello

Advent Candle Lighting Sherwood Family

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 25*

Leader: In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.

People: **I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Leader: No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

People: **Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.**

Leader: Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

People: **Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.**

Leader: May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, Lord, is in you.

People: **Deliver Israel, O God, from all their troubles!**

***Opening Hymn** "God Almighty, We are Waiting" WS #3047

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *by Betty Hendricks*

Dear Father, as we start this season of Advent, we are so grateful that you so loved us that you sent your Son to show us your love and to set an example of how we are meant to live. At his first coming, Jesus humbly assumed human flesh and so fulfilled the plan You had from "days of old." In doing so, he opened for us the way to salvation so that, when he comes again in glory and majesty, all will be made clear, and that we, who watch for that day, may inherit the great promise in which we now dare to hope. Amen.

Words of Assurance Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

Choir Anthem "Prepare the Way" Lloyd Larson

A Time for Children of All Ages Ed Hendricks

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson: [Jeremiah 33:14-16](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 21:25-36](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message Ed Hendricks

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response "Rejoice the Lord is King" UMH #715

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Doxology

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison) *by Ed Hendricks*

Oh Lord our God, we gather before You at the beginning of the season of Advent and as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Thanksgiving we come before you like the writer of Psalm 116 and ask, "What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?" How can we whom you created from the dust of the earth dare to presume that we can ever thank You sufficiently for all you have given to us? To You we owe not only our lives, but also everything we have and everything we are.

(cont.)

And so, we come before you now to humbly offer these gifts, not as repayment, but as a sign of our commitment to you, Lord. We pray that you will multiply them and share them with those in need and that you will use each of us, and our time, our talents, and our treasures to bring to life the Advent themes of hope, love, joy, and peace. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn “The King of Glory Comes” TFWS #2091

*Benediction

*Benediction Response “Walk in the Light” Insert

Postlude

Join us for Coffee Hour

Coming Up:

**December 8th. - Second Sunday of Advent & Communion
Worship Service @10am** - Join us *LIVE* or *ONLINE* as we continue the study of God’s Word as we hear again from John the Baptistser ([Luke 3:1–6](#)) - Repent/Pivot!

Join us Wednesday’s @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)

(Recorded Sessions)

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Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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“Growing in the Body of Christ”