

**The Order
Of
Divine Worship**

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2011

10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE (Please register your attendance.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE HYMN No. 213 (UMH)
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

* THE ACT OF PRAISE

Look up, all people, for the realm of God is near:
gather with the saints to praise our creator.

**We rejoice in the promise of salvation
as we give thanks for God's steadfast love.**

The gifts of God are for all generations
and for people in every walk of life.

**In humble obedience we accept our blessings
and embrace God's call to responsibility.**

Surely God is faithful to the covenant
and eager to instruct us in the ways of peace.

**We will watch and pray and be ready to act.
Let us hear what God has in store for us.**

Let us be seated for prayer

OPENING PRAYER

**In thanksgiving we lift up our souls to your righteousness,
O God of all truth. We await your revelation, for we cannot
make sense out of life apart from you. Keep us from being
paralyzed by our fears. In the midst of our perplexity grant
us signs of renewed vitality and the promise of better
things you have in store for us when Christ comes to live
among us. Amen**

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

(Please see yellow insert)

Mike & Judy Gorthy

THE SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10

THE ANTHEM Chancel Choir
"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

GREETING
(Please place your prayer cards in the baskets at this time.)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE REFRAIN "Jesus, We Are Here" No. 2273 (FWS)
+ Personal prayers
+ Prayers for others
+ The Lord's Prayer

**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. Amen.**

THE HYMN No. 2086 (FWS)
"Open Our Eyes Lord"

THE MESSAGE The Rev. Anthony N. Cutting
"Help Is on the Way"

REFRAIN "His Name Is Wonderful" No. 174 (UMH)

THE PRAYER

GIVING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

(Regular offering and Loose Change for Missions)

* THE DOXOLOGY No. 94 (UMH)

* THE HYMN No. 163 (UMH)
"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

* THE BENEDICTION

SERVING THE LORD

Liturgist: Ira Thumma
Ushers: Bud & Gayle Swanson, Sandy Houtman,
Sue Dexter
Greeters: Phyllis Seloom
Counters: Leonard & Lois McJames, Brenda Boots
Trustee for Nov.: Curt Moe (back-up Keith Bauerle)
Coffee Hour Nov. 27:
Sunday School Teachers: George Farner, Ruth Sutton

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 27 Gary Boots
Nov. 29 Barbara Young
Nov. 30 Pauline Richardson



*Altar flowers are given by the
Worship Committee
to the glory of our Living God*

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1st Sunday of Advent

THE HYMN No. 211 (UMH stanza 1)
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Sing and rejoice, O Daughter Zion!
For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.
Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.

For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; and night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

THE ADVENT WORD

We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness
to show us the way of salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.

Light the first Advent candle

HYMN No. 2090 (FWS stanza 1)
"Light the Advent Candle"

The Scripture Reading **Isaiah 11:1-10**

1. A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
2. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
3. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;
4. but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
5. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
6. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.
7. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
9. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
10. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.