



Linway United Presbyterian Church
November 29, 2020 10:30 a.m. Bulletin for Worship
First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Nancy Kelley, Organist

Greeting and Announcements

Gathering Prayer: (unison) **Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love as Lord of lords and King of kings. Amen.**

Lighting of the First Advent Candle Litany

L: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is the Hope of our world.

P: Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.

L: We anticipate the One who hears our prayers.

P: Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.

L: We anticipate the One who heals our infirmities.

P: Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.

L: We anticipate the One who renews our faith.

P: Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.

L: We anticipate the One who ignites our hope.

P: Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Please refrain from singing

Invitation to Confession

Lila Sedlak, Liturgist

Unison Prayer of Confession: **God of all time and seasons, how quickly the year spins by, and we are caught unprepared for your Advent. We are still recovering from Thanksgiving or the latest crisis in the long list of things to do. The demands on our time seem unending, the tasks seem overwhelming, and our energy is draining fast. Forgive us the sins of our lives, O God. Come and speak to us once again in the depth of our hearts. Let there be space for you in the midst of the hurry and rush. Let it be a Holy inner place that cherishes silence and song, that keeps a candle lit to illumine our minds, and a place in our hearts to cradle the gift of the Christ Child. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

L: The people of God are to watch for the coming of the Lord.

P: We are to be ready for the unexpected, and readiness takes preparation.

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri - *Please Stand*

Please refrain from singing

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Morning Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, and Organ Response

Sermon:

"God is a Visiting God"

Rev. Eric E. Dennis, Pastor

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Invitation to the Lord's Table

L: Friends, this is the heavenly feast spread for us.

P: Our Savior invites those who trust in Him to share the feast which He has prepared.

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Give thanks to God.

P: God's love endures forever.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

Words of Institution

The Response

L: Holy Lord, Everlasting God, who made this world a place for Jesus Christ, and before He was born promised His coming in the words of the prophets: we thank you for this Sacrament which is a sign of His return to claim the world and your people.

P: We give you thanks, O God, and with the Church through all the ages, we praise you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: O God, fulfill your eternal purpose in us and in the whole world.

P: Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal kingdom. Amen .

Closing Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel

Please refrain from singing

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

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***Indicates those who are able, to please stand**

When Attending Worship Services in the Sanctuary

- We ask that you please complete an attendance card & place it in the basket when exiting the Sanctuary in case contact tracing becomes necessary. Include name, address, phone, & email.
- Please place any offering in the box when exiting the Sanctuary.
- Please use the restrooms located in the Preschool Hallway.

Please Remember In Our Prayers: John Arnold, Tracy Augustin, Charlotte Ban, Dennis Bernhardt, Pat Brant, Betty Brinker, Clay & Lois, Clark Danner, Janet Doherty, Mike Feigh, Betty Frommell, Audrey Koppel, Jean Lawton, Linda, Chuck Linderman, Edward Lloyd, Rita Marrow, Anne Nutter, Carol Pascarella, Fran Pepler, Ann Puscaric, Renee, Patty Rodgers, Michael Spingola, Rose Stark, Tom Szmuc, Peg Torbich

Scripture Readings

The following scripture readings have been suggested by the Presbytery for this week:
Isaiah 64: 1-9 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Psalms 80:1 -7, 17-19 Mark 13: 24-37

A Remembrance of Jim Carpenter

A brief Remembrance of Jim Carpenter and a celebration of his life will be held during the worship service next Sunday, December 6. Jim went home to be with our Lord on Nov. 13.

Today's Chancel Flowers



One vase of flowers today is given to the glory of the Lord by Lila and Andy Sedlak in honor of their children & grandchildren's 2020 birthdays.

One vase of flowers today is given to the glory of the Lord by Gwenn Heshizer in loving memory of her husband, Bandi Heshizer.



Important Dates

Dec. 6 - Congregational Meeting after the Sunday Worship Service for the Election of Officers for 2021.

Dec. 13 - Stewardship Pledge Dedication

Dec. 24 at 6:00 p.m.- Christmas Eve Service & Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Thank You to all who decorated for Christmas!

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