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Rev. Dr. Michelle J. Bartel, Preaching
Rick Comingore , Liturgist
Stephanie Davisson, Accompanist

Prayer after Communion

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (we use “debts and debtors” in the prayer)

The Offering

(The Offering plates will not be passed. You may place your offerings in the plates on the pedestals either before or after Worship.)

✠ Doxology #607 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

✠ Hymn of Sending #772 *Live into Hope*

✠ Benediction

Congregational Response *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Postlude

-Call to Worship (adapted), Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession (adapted), Assurance of Pardon (slightly adapted), Prayer for Illumination, and Prayer of Thanksgiving (slightly adapted) written by Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook.

1st Sunday of Advent
November 3, 2024

✠ Please stand in body or spirit

Prelude

Welcome Rev. Michelle Bartel

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Candle: Rick Comingore

Leader: Advent is a time for waiting.

People: We wait for God, who appears like a tender branch growing from a stump.

Leader: Advent is a time for hoping.

People: We wait for God, who comes with justice and righteousness.

Leader: Advent is a time to worship.

People: We wait for Emmanuel, praising the One Jesus Christ, who comes to fulfill promises. Come, let us worship the Lord!

✠ Hymn of Praise #82 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray how easily we turn to violence and our many destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgment, as we read in scripture. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace and hope in the midst of our warring madness, forgiving us even before we confess. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and his path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: “Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.” Know that you are forgiven and be at peace, restored to hope in God. Amen.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia, Amen.

☩ Response #581 Gloria Patri

Announcements

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 p. 737OT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Psalm Reading Psalm 25:1-10 p. 502 OT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36 p. 85 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 p. 204 NT

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World: Hope and “Love for One Another and For All”

“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.”

Hymn of the Word #731, Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again

Celebration of Communion