

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2023

10:00 AM

Prelude: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Rita Pittman

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jonathon Kosec

*** Call to Worship**

Pastor: We gather today. It is time to worship.

People: We listen for God. It is time to hear.

Pastor: We receive God's grace. It is time to be loved.

People: We leave in peace. It is time to serve others!

Pastor: As we wait for Jesus' arrival, Emanuel, God-with-us, is already here.

People: Wherever we wait for God's time to come, we will witness wonders. Amen.

* Hymn # 136 "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"

* Invocation

Offering Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9 Hal Bates

Special Music One Small Babe Choir

Today's Message: "Running Out of Time" Rev. Kosec

Hymn #120. "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed. (Selection 879)

Prayers of the Church

- A Moment of Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

- Invitation to the Supper
- Words of Institution
- Prayer of Consecration
- Distribution of the Bread and the Cup
- The Communion Charge

* Closing Hymn # 125 "Hark, the Glad Sound"

*** Benediction**

Postlude: Once in Royal David's City Rita Pittman

*** You may choose to stand or remain seated.**

CHURCH LIFE

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a special prayer request this morning, let Pastor Jon know before worship begins and it will be included. Thank you.

WELCOME TO YOU ALL: We are happy you chose to be with us this morning! Please be certain you sign our attendance sheets on the rear table before you leave. In our celebration of Communion this morning, all are invited to share. We distribute each element and all join in partaking them at the same time.

FOOD DONATIONS - Next Sunday is the food collection for the South County Food Pantry. Any and all canned foods and dry goods will be appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH TRADITION REGARDING ALTAR CLOTHS...

Perhaps you've notice the color change of our altar cloth this morning. Today is the first Sunday of Advent and the "blue" denotes "our hope in God".

For the last many months, the color green has been on our altar; This represents "our growth of faith in Jesus as Lord". We will continue using blue on the altar until changing to white the last Sunday of Dec. to celebrate the birth of Jesus. "White suggests joy and light" which the birth of God's Son surely brought into the world.

As we continue our altar traditions and make color changes throughout the year, there will be an explanation in the Sunday Bulletin.

BIRTHDAYS

John Lynch 12/5, Sara Forsman 12/9, Bill Whitman 12/9,

Head Usher: Hal Bates

Usher/Greeters:

Bob Rowles & Fred Bennett

Attendance Last Week: 69

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 64: 1-9 New Living Translation

Oh, that you would burst from the heavens and come down! How the mountains would quake in your presence! As fire causes wood to burn and water to boil your coming would make the nations tremble. Then your enemies would learn the reason for your fame!

When you came down long ago, you did awesome deeds beyond our highest expectations. And oh, how the mountains quaked! For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him! You welcome those who gladly do good, who follow godly ways. But you have been very angry with us, for we are not godly.

We are constant sinners; how can people like us be saved? We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.

Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind. Yet no one calls on your name or pleads with you for mercy.

Therefore, you have turned away from us and turned us over to our sins. And yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand. Don't be so angry with us, LORD. Please don't remember our sins forever.

Look at us, we pray, and see that we are all your people.



SIGN IN, PLEASE! We are blessed to have you with us today and we invite you to use the sign-up sheets on the rear table.

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