

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

### Extended Advent 4

#### First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude: Dulcimer Ensemble Medley

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Jonathon Kosec

\* Invocation

#### Prayer of Confession: All

**God, we want a faith that feels like more than words, but we lack your power to embody goodness. We hear your call to serve others yet feel too worn out to make the food. We hunger to taste justice but fear the burning spice of the meal. We want our place at your table but resist sitting beside a stranger. We have lost our appetites for mere thoughts and prayers, but we fail to match our intentions to our actions. Forgive us and restore us with the healing wholeness of your presence.**

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Hymn # 433. "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

\* Invocation

**Offering** Simple Gifts Rita Pittman

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**Scripture Lesson** Luke 21:25-36

Special Music All God's Children Have a Place in the  
Choir. Sunshine Strings Men's Trio

**Today's Message:** "Hope" Rev. Kosec

Hymn #535. "Break Now the Bread of Life"

#### Prayers of the Church

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

**Communion Music** the Dulcimer Ensemble Pachelbel Canon in D/Seek Ye First

#### Holy Communion

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

\* Closing Hymn # 676. "Go My Children with My Blessing"

#### \* Benediction

Postlude: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Rita Pittman

\* You may choose to stand or remain seated.

#### CHURCH LIFE

**WELCOME TO YOU ALL:** We are happy you chose to be with us this morning as we celebrate the traditional beginning of the Church Year. 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.

**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.

**PLANNING AHEAD:** We will celebrate the Christmas Eve service on December 24, 2024 at 6:00 PM here in Indies Hall. We are planning special music, lots of Christmas Carols, and a special Christmas message from Pastor Jonathon. There will not be a Christmas Day service, so our entire Christmas celebration will be on Christmas Eve. Plan now to bring your family if they are with you and be sure to invite your neighbors!

**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.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:25-36 (New Living Translation)

<sup>25</sup> "And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides. <sup>26</sup> People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then everyone will see the Son of Man<sup>[a]</sup> coming on a cloud with power and great glory.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>28</sup> So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!"

<sup>29</sup> Then he gave them this illustration: "Notice the fig tree, or any other tree. <sup>30</sup> When the leaves come out, you know without being told that summer is near. <sup>31</sup> In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that the Kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

<sup>34</sup> "Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. <sup>36</sup> Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."

**WE OFFER** Two types of memberships, if you are interested in joining our church please let the pastor know. Full membership and an Associate Membership for those who are seasonal members granted all rights as full membership.

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