

Advent

Hope Peace Joy Love

The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
gathered for the

Worship of God

December 1, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: First Sunday of Advent

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Lord is with you. **And with you also.**

We pass the friendship register as a way of welcoming one another to this time of sacred worship.

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

Lift up your hearts...

We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude

Now We Pray to the Holy Spirit

Mr. Collins

Meditation of Preparation

"To desire, and to expect the desire's fulfillment, that is hope. And we are saved by hope. When hope is in the heart, it is as prophetic as the song of a young stream on the mountains. It is set for far destinies."

Mary M. Townes, Looking to Your Tomorrows Today

*Hymn of Praise 680	<i>O God of Every Nation</i>	NYLAND
*Invocation		Mr. Tim Haywood
Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles		Abe, Lisa, and Ruth Reshad
Special Music	<i>My Lord, What a Morning</i>	Quartific
Hymn of Prayer 583	<i>Lead Me, Guide Me</i>	LEAD ME GUIDE ME
Prayers of the People		Rev. Russell
	God, whose arrival we desire and expect... Lead and guide us into hope.	
The Lord's Prayer		All
	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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.	
Congregational Response 312	<i>Amen</i>	AMEN
Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts		Mr. Haywood
	Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.	
Anthem	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	Chancel Choir
*Doxology 15	<i>Rejoice, You Pure in Heart</i>	MARION
	Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore. Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God forevermore! Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.	
	(Children age three through fifth grade depart for Children: Worship & Wonder.)	
The Reading	Isaiah 2:1-15	Rev. Russell
	For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Nation Building?	Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Prophetic imagination is grounded in the conviction that God is doing something lively in the world. It may be slow, but it is very sure, and a new world is coming into being that will discredit and dismiss the old totalism."

--Walter Brueggemann, *Jesus Acted Out the Alternative to Empire*

Hymn of Communion 485 *Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*

TALLIS' CANON

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

The Elder's Prayer

Mr. Gerald Western

The Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Please come forward to share in Communion. Partake by breaking off a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. (The bread is gluten-free.) If you are unable to come forward, someone will come to you.

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

*Hymn of Discipleship 668

CWM RHONDDA

For the Healing of the Nations

Affirmation of Responses 341

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Fugue in B^b

Mr. Collins

And all the people said...

AMEN!

We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth

*The people may rise in body and spirit as able.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

- Today, 12/1: *Today is the deadline to turn in poinsettia orders and all Neighborhood Alliance collection items. Our All-Church Christmas Card will be up throughout December, ready to receive your signature AND your donation to the Christmas Special Day Offering to benefit the Christian Church in Ohio. Also, please remember to sign up for a one-hour shift on 12/14 at the Salvation Army Kettle outside Elyria's Market Square Giant Eagle.*
- 10:45 a.m. - All-Church Hanging of the Greens (refreshments available for volunteers)
- Mon., 12/2: 6:30 p.m. - Advent study in the youth rooms
- Tue., 12/3: 10:00 a.m. - Advent study in the youth rooms
- Wed., 12/4: 5:15 p.m. - Elders' budget sub-committee meeting in the Elders' conference room
- 5:30 p.m. - Weekly youth group (gr. 6-12) supper and gathering in Fellowship Hall and the youth rooms
- 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary
- Thu. 12/5: *Deadline for Cleveland Christian Home collection of new toys and clothing*
- Fri., 12/6: 9:00 a.m. - WACC hosts Elyria Area Church Women United Board meeting

Flowers in the chancel are in honor of Jeremy Smith's birthday today
and also
in memory of Darrell Harris, Jr. whose birthday was 12/5,
with love from Mom and family.

The second arrangement is in memory of Helen Farrar
on the one-year anniversary of her death,
with love from John.

Quartific is comprised of Evan Collins, Mark Mathes, Alan Petersen, and Bob Rieth,
and accompanied by Nathan Russell.

