

Advent

Hope Peace Joy Love

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

Worship of God

December 8, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.: Second 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

Love Has Come!

The Whitechapel Ringers

Meditation of Preparation

"During Advent we repent of the habits and practices that turn us away from the loving God who is always reaching out to be reconciled to us. We want to become a people who seek after God and who cultivate patience as we wait for divine justice to bring peace and freedom to an aching world."

--Enuma Okoro, *Silence and Other Surprising Invitations of Advent*

*Hymn of Praise 140

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

SHEFFIELD

*Invocation

Ms. Sharon Siffert

Hymn of Advent

One Candle Is Lit†

CRADLE SONG



Come quick-ly, sha - lom, teach us how to pre - pare for a gift that com -
pels us with jus - tice to care. Our spir - its are rest - less till
sin and war cease. One can - dle is lit for the reign of God's peace.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candles

Mrs. Mary and Mr. Gary Siwierka

Special Music

Ms. Liz Baumgartner and Mr. Collins

Advent Suite

Hymn of Prayer 133

Like a Child

LIKE A CHILD

Prayers of the People

Rev. Russell

God of Advent...
Come to us like a child.

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 306

Hear Our Prayer

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts
Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.

Ms. Siffert

Anthem

Soon and Very Soon

Chancel Choir

*Doxology 119

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us and with all people dwell.

(Children age three through fifth grade depart for Children: Worship & Wonder.)

The Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Rev. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Ms. Lisa Reshad

Discipline of Silence

"Peace is a promise, a promise from the heart of God to our hearts. Go in the promise of that peace. Go knowing that this church and this world belong to the Prince of Peace no matter what, no matter what."

--Ann Weems; *Peace, Peace*

Hymn of Communion 390

Lord of Our Highest Love!

FRANCONIA

Invitation to Commune

Ms. Reshad

The Elder's Prayer

Ms. Polly Simmons

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 95

DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Affirmation of Responses 341

Rev. Russell

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Ms. Reshad

Postlude

Melodies of Advent
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Mr. Collins

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, 12/8: 10:45 a.m. - Sunday school, including first session of adults' 3-week Advent study
12:00 noon - Stewardship Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room
- Mon., 12/9: 3:30 p.m. - Outreach Committee meeting in the Elders' conference room
6:30 p.m. - Advent study in the youth rooms
- Tue., 12/10: 10:00 a.m. - Advent study in the youth rooms
4:15 p.m. - Staff meeting in Pastor Nathan's office
5:30 p.m. - Elders' supper meeting in the Elders' conference room
7:00 p.m. - Board meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Wed., 12/11: 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
- Sat., 12/14: 9:00 a.m. - Worship Committee work session (poinsettias)
10:00 a.m. - Salvation Army bell ringing at Market Square Giant Eagle (ends 8 p.m.)

†Hymn text by Mary Anne Parrott

