

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

Worship of God

December 3, 2023, 9:30am:

The First Sunday of Advent

Chiming the Hour

Greeting

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Spirit of God is with you...

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts...
We lift them to the Lord!

Communion (Vierne)

The Atwood Carillon

Glennis Covault

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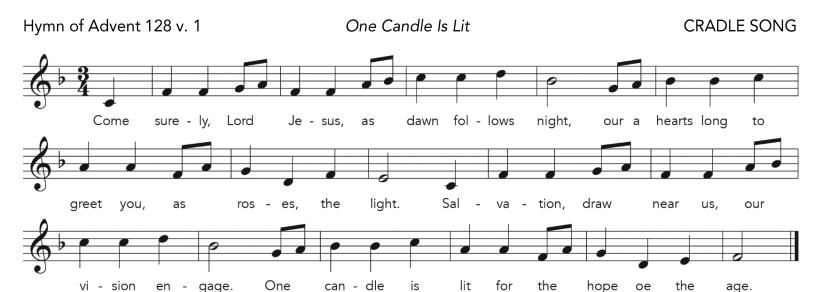
Sol Rizzato & Greg Hamilton

Meditation for Preparation
"Listen to the mustn'ts

"Listen to the mustn'ts, child. Listen to the don'ts. Listen to the shouldn'ts, the impossibles, the won'ts. Listen to the never haves, then listen close to me... Anything can happen, child. Anything can be."

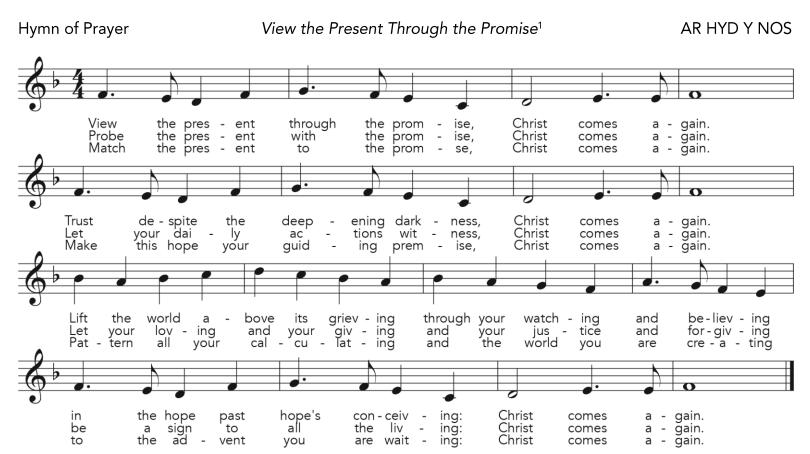
-Shel Silverstein, Listen to the Mustn'ts

Invocation Debbie Walker



Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

The Hange Family



Prayers of the People

God of present and future promise...

Come again to us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Mother/Father/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin*dom 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 kin*dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

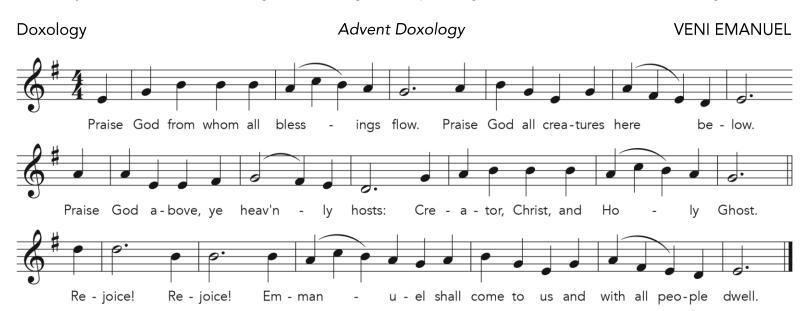


Invitation to Stewardship

Mark Mathes

Offertory

6 English Folksongs: V (Ralph Vaughan Williams) Sol Rizzato & Greg Hamilton



The Reading

Isaiah 12:1-5
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Nathan A. Russell

Sermon

Advent(ure): From Singular to Plural

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Our past is bleak. Our future dim. But I am not reasonable. A reasonable man adjusts to his environment. An unreasonable man does not. All progress, therefore, depends on the unreasonable man. I prefer not to adjust to my environment. I refuse the prison of 'I' and choose the open spaces of 'we'."

-Toni Morrison, Mouth Full of Blood

Hymn of Communion

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper³ (see reverse)

JEFFERSON

Invitation to Commune

Nathan A. Russell

Prayer at the Table

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Words of Institution

Nathan A. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 130

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

Postlude

People, Look East! (Kristina Langlois) And all the people said... AMEN!

Sol Rizzato



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²Lyrics by Taize Community, 1984

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 3 11:00am: Hanging of the Green & Bread for the World Discussion

6:00pm: YouTube premiere of morning worship 5:30pm: Stewardship Committee meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 6 9:00am: Sabbatical Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 5

¹Lyrics by Thomas H. Troeger, 1986

We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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³Lyrics by Mary Louise Bringle, 2005











