

Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 3, 2023

1st Sunday Advent

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

Gathering of God's People

Choral Call to Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Ann, Gayle, Josh & Gaines

Welcome

Call to Worship

L. Christ is coming!

P. We will keep awake!

L. Christ is coming!

P. We will be ready!

L. Christ is coming! He will gather his people from the ends of the earth.

P. Praise be to God! We will worship and prepare.

Morning Prayer

+Hymn of Praise SH# 4

“O Worship the King”

+Call to Confession

+Prayer of Confession

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgement. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

(Silence), Amen

+Assurance of Pardon

+Passing the Peace

Our Life Together

Service of the Word

Children's Time

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: OT: Isaiah 64:1-9, NT: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon

Advent Hope

Amy Simes

Responding in Faith

+Hymn of Adoration SH# 108 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

+Affirmation of Faith

+The Apostles' Creed

+Gloria Patri

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

+The Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out into the World

+Hymn of Commitment SH# 61 Oh Little Town of Bethlehem”

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

+ Please stand as you are able

Welcome to Unity Presbyterian Church!

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

Children's Bulletins and Clip Boards available in the Vestibule.

Calendar of Events

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