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Presbytery of the Mid-South, Synod of Living Waters.

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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

December 2, 2018

The First Sunday in Advent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645) J.S. Bach

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Veni Emmanuel

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)
Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand.
Keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith,
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may joyfully give him praise;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Lighting the First Candle in the Advent Wreath

Jean Markham, Linda Young

At the conclusion of the candle lighting service, choir and congregation stand to sing:

**O come, Thou branch of *Jes-se's* tree, Free them from Satan's *ty-ranny*
That trust Thy mighty *pow-er* to save, And give them victory *o'er* the grave.
Rejoice; rejoice. **Emmanuel** shall come to thee, **O Israel.****

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements – Congregational Meeting

The children bring their ringing collection and come to the **Chrismon Tree** for a
Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

Unison

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.

Do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me;

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,

and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions.

According to your steadfast love

remember me for your goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right

and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Anthem Celtic Advent Carol David Angerman & Michael Barrett, 2007

Be not afraid, I bring you good news. The Savior is coming in glory to you. He shall be called God's Holy One. Will you be ready for Him when he comes? Light the candle, Jesus is coming. Open your hearts, prepare ye the way. Sleepers, awake for soon is the dawning. He will turn night into glorious day. Be of good cheer and put away fear, the light now is coming to dry ev'ry tear. Love now with us, God's perfect Son. Veni Emmanuel, captivum solve Israel. Could he be coming today?
(-- Michael Barrett)

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 6 Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

The congregation sits.

Sermon

Apocalypse Now? Or Later?

Mike Krech

“People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world... .” Luke 21:26

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Truro

Apostles' Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria in Excelsis

Refrain of Hymn 23

Gloria

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Michael Burkhardt

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 17

Sleepers, Wake, a Voice Astounds Us

Wachet Auf

Postlude

Wachet Auf

Wayne Wold

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Today we begin the season of **Advent**, the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Some signs of the season in the sanctuary and in worship include the **purple** paraments, purple being the color of preparation and royalty, the **Advent wreath**, with four candles marking the four Sundays of the season, the **Chrismon tree**, decorated with Christ Monograms, symbols of Christ, his birth and his rule, the singing of a stanza of **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**, following the advent wreath candle lighting service and singing the **Gloria in Excelsis** from the refrain of the familiar Hymn 23, Angels We Have Heard on High.