

CHURCH SESSION

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Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

December 1, 2019

The First Sunday in Advent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Holy Is the Lord Franz Schubert; arr. Fred Bock

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 The Bopp Family

At the conclusion of the candle lighting service, all 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

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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Unison

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem – built as a city that is bound firmly together.

To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,

as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there the thrones for judgment were set up,

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."

For the sake of my relatives and friends,

I will say, "Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

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

Romans 13:11-14

Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 8 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Might Gates

Truro

The congregation sits.

Sermon

Look at the Time

Mike Krech

"But about that day and hour no one knows." Matthew 24:36

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 6 Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending Helmsley

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

Praise Him

Twila Paris; arr. Mark Hayes

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 17 Sleepers, Wake, a Voice Astounds Us Wachtet Auf

Postlude Rejoice in the Lord Always Evelyn Turner; arr. Carol Turnquist

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