

December 3

Simplicity

- *Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.
- *The cross (†) designates when the congregation will please stand.
- *Worshippers who find standing difficult are invited to remain seated.

PRAYER CONCERNS: JoAnn McGregor, Dr. David Martin, Vira Cogswell, Paul Murphy, Ken & Wilma Stevens in the passing of their grandson.

Today's Sanctuary flowers provided by the Vivian Taylor to the glory of God in honor of Chuck Taylor's birthday.

Today's choral selections are provided by the Temple Choir under the direction of Joan Nevill. Organist: Barbara Waite. Pre-Service & Communion Music provided by Merrillyn Govenor.

USHERS: Kathy Zelle, captain; Chuck Taylor, Warren Heinsohn, Jack Buttrum, Ed Ancona
NEXT WEEKS USHERS: Greg & Linda Stilwell, captains; Chuck Taylor, Jacque Hardin

GREETERS: Patricia Helm, Sue Anderson, Janet Kissel, Nancy Hughes
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS: Marty Van Stone, Betty Schofield, Carla Bolin, Wanda Erwin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Merrilyn Govenor, piano

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Now Come, Savior of the Nations" by D. Buxtehude

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

CHORAL INTROIT

"Prepare the Way of the Lord" by Taize

†CHIMES & SERVICES OF LIGHT

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN #213

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates "

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Please turn to those around you and pass the peace of Christ.

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray as one.

PASTORAL PRAYER

All: Eternal God, You are always present, always loving, and always working for our good. But like generations before us, we turn from You. We choose the long darkness over Your light. O God, our Father and Mother, hear us in these silent moments, as we lay our hearts open before You. Make us new.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13 "Pray then like this: '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 our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.'"

GIVING TITHES & OFFERING

"Veni Emmanuel" by G. Kemner

†DOXOLOGY *The congregation stands as the Ushers return the offering to the Altar.*

#95 in Hymnal

ANTHEM

"New Promise of Love" by G. Martin

KIDZ MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 13:32-37

The Necessity for Watchfulness

32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

HYMN #204

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

MESSAGE by Pastor Andy Payton "

All Hands on Deck"

COMMUNION

†HYMN #196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

†CHIMES & SERVICE OF LIGHT

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Tell Out My Soul" by P. Manz

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Monday: Philippians 4.19
Tuesday: Malachi 3.10
Wednesday: 1 Timothy 6.10-15
Thursday: Acts 20.35
Friday: Proverbs 22.9
Saturday: Luke 6.38

ADVENT CHALLENGE #1

Give your complete & compassionate attention to someone you typically overlook.