

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Greetings and Announcements

Praises and Concerns

Prelude

Aimee Gusky

*Opening Prayer

Congregational Response:

As this season of Advent begins, we prepare our gifts of love, renewing them in the hope that they are acceptable to you, O God. We wish to make our love pure, warm and real through your grace. We are grateful for your continuing love & for all the ways You have blessed us over the years. As we begin this four-week journey of expectation and hope, may we do it in a manner pleasing to You and may all we do and say bring honor to You. Help us to honor Jesus' birth. Amen

Meaning of Advent

Pat Drizd

The Banners in the Church

*Congregational Song

Blue Chalice # 138

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

Hanging of the First Window Wreath "Hope"

*Congregational Song

Blue Chalice #167

"Go Tell It on The Mountain"

*The Doxology

Blue Chalice #46

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Special Music

Dave Rappley

*Congregational Song

Blue Chalice #452

"Here I am Lord"

The Advent Wreath

Al and Bonnie Rae

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

When children present ask them to come forward

Scripture

Romans 15:1-13 p163

*Congregational Song:

Blue Chalice #128

"One Candle is Lit" verse 1

Scripture

Matthew 1: 18-23 p1

Sermon

Rev. Rusty Hesse

The Pastoral and Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

History of Communion Hymn

The Arrival of the Stable Animals

Communion Hymn

Blue Chalice #119

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

The Lord's Supper: Call to Communion

** Gluten-free communion wafers are available

*Hymn of Invitation

Blue Chalice #139

"All Earth is Waiting"

(Do you want to receive Christ as your Lord and Savior or do you want to become part of this church family? Come up and speak with the pastor as we sing.)

*The Sending Forth

(*Those who are able, please stand.)

Welcome to all visitors! Please sign our guest book located in the back of the chapel on the lectern near the door.

This congregation is a loving faith community which strives to demonstrate its faith values by deeds more than by words. As God is all-embracing, we value all worshipers in the hope that each person's spiritual journey can flourish from individual faith into communal compassion and action.