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December 6, 2020

Second Sunday in Advent

10:30 AM

GREETING

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The prophets of old prepared the righteous way, and called the people of God to return to the Lord.

P: So shall we return to the kingdom where Christ, by the law of mercy, reigns.

L: Let the heavens open, and the Spirit of God come down. The reward of God is for those who seek the kingdom.

P: So shall we be baptized with water and the Holy Spirit, into the forgiveness of sins, into the ways of faith.

L: Even as we wait for the Lord, God is patiently waiting for us.

P: So shall we learn to walk in God's ways, for in God's patience is our salvation.

L: Let us worship God!

HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Sovereign Grace Music

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have not prepared a straight path for you. Our lives are full of hills and valleys, detours into sin, errant and aimless wanderings. Our mouths are treacherous. Our hearts are fickle. Forgive us for our sins, O God, and forget our former ways. By the grace of your Son and the power of the Holy Spirit, cleanse us anew and give us faithful hearts, ready for humble service in your kingdom. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: Open your eyes to see; unplug your ears to hear; unveil your hearts to receive the good news.

P: The steadfast love and mercy of the Lord endure forever.

L: God will single-handedly bind up where wickedness has injured, will seek and bring back those who have strayed, will strengthen the weak and feed the hungry.

P: In the kingdom of God, Christ rules with mercy.

L: Know that you are forgiven, live with one another in love, and be at peace in your hearts.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Lexington Road

NT LESSON

John 21:15-19

SERMON

Fruit from Failure

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HYMN

Take My Life

Norton Hall Band

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

PRAYERS

PRAYER CONCERNS

Linda Kincheloe
Kay Mader
Martha Wilkerson
Nita Wimer
Earl Flower
Amanda Harris
The Dull Family
Michelle Nuckols

SHUT-INS

Brannock Easley
Tim Clemmer
Earl & Jean Flower - Legacy

BIRTHDAYS

8 Betty Clemmer
11 James Wright
11 Linda Sargent
14 Frank Brown

ANNIVERSARIES

6 Martha & Mike Gangloff

IN THE MILITARY

Cole A Smiley, Army - Grandson of Nita & Woodie Wimer
Scott Dice – Son of Melissa and Harry Dice
Nick Dubyk – Grandson of Betty and the late Willis Clemmer
Christopher Todd – Grandson of Ralph and the late Ruth Weller
Matthew Witcofsky – Son of Janet and Joe Witcofsky

QUICK REMINDER

Please call the Church Office (885-8159) if you or someone in your family goes into the hospital. This is the only sure way that we will know of your situation, so visits and other support can be given.