

Wintergarden Presbyterian Church



“When He Comes”

Rev. Ruth Schaaff

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Prelude

“O Come and Set Us Free”

Mary McDonald

Welcome

Wintergarden Life

Our Liturgist today is Ken Keyser

Pass the Peace of Christ

* Gathering Song (#2)

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” vs1

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Lighting the Candle of Hope

The Swails' Family

Leader: For the people in Jeremiah's time there was no mistaking the end. The temple was destroyed, armies marched in the streets, many were exiled to faraway places, chaos reigned and everything was turned upside down.

People: But Jeremiah knew God was still with them. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel.

Leader: New beginnings are hard to see. They are like young green shoots from a stump or a poor baby crying in a manger.

People: As Advent begins, God calls us to stand and lift up our heads so that we may see redemption drawing near.

Leader: Because God can do a new thing; because God gives us hope;

People: We light the candle of Hope.

Prayer of Adoration

O Shepherd of Israel, you open our lips; our mouths give you praise. You shepherd your flock, gathering us from our wanderings, assembling us in Christ's name to learn of your will. Your covenant names us, your law guides us. The prophets attest to your promise that we shall not be forsaken. With great expectation we watch for your unfolding plan of salvation. Be present with us and guide us toward the truth in Christ's name.

Hymn (#466)

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” vs1&2

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!
2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

*Prayer of Confession [Unison]

Almighty God, “we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.” We fail to call on your name; we don’t stir to take hold of your plan for us. Yet you are our God. “We are the clay, and thou art the potter.” May all that we do be the work of your hand.

*Silent Confession

* Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the words of Paul when he writes: “God is faithful, by whom you were called into fellowship of God’s Son, Jesus Christ.” By God’s grace you will be sustained to the end, and through Christ’s mercy you will be found guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. To God be all praise and glory.

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be...world without end! Amen. Amen.*

Words with Young Worshipers

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer [Unison]

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.

Hymn (#370)

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” vs1,3&4

1. Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou biddest me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
3. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
4. Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

First Reading

Mark 1:1-8 (NRSV)

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight” ’, John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’

Second Reading

Matthew 24:45-51 (NRSV)

‘Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, “My master is delayed”, and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

The Word Proclaimed

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* Affirmation of Faith [Unison]

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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

“Good King Wenceslas”

* Doxology [Unison]

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures, here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

God of unchanging truth, your promise is eternal, your benevolent care spans the ages. We come with our gifts to be molded in accordance with your purposes. We offer ourselves to be shaped by your will. Fill us with wisdom, and make us vessels of your truth. Make all that we do an outpouring of your goodness, spreading compassion on the afflicted and care to all who may be in need.

Hymn (#15)

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers” vs 1&2

1. Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon He will draw nigh;
Up, watch with expectation, At midnight comes the cry.
2. See that your lamps are burning, Replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation, The end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting, The gates wide open stand;
Arise, O heirs of glory, The Bridegroom is at hand!

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (#9)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Postlude

“His Grace Will Lead Us Through”

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