



The Missions Committee would like to remind everyone that the deadline for turning in Walmart gift cards to support the families of the Refuge is December 15th. Need a reminder? Grab a tag off the giving tree in the social hall. Gift cards may be submitted to the office or dropped in the offering plate.



Did you see the purple Advent schedule in the Messenger this week? If you missed it, feel free to pick a copy from the tables in the back of the sanctuary. We don't want you to miss a thing!



Who loves pancakes?? Then you don't want to miss the LIFT pancake fundraiser following worship on *Sunday, December 5th*. Everyone is welcome! Donations are gratefully accepted and help fund the youth mission trip to Woonsocket, RI in July 2022.

THE SESSION

Moderator: The Rev. Nona Holy

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Cindy Faulkner

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In Case of emergency, an AED Unit is located in the hallway on the ground floor near the nursery.



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Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent



1st Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

10:00 AM

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Give Thanks

H. Smith

Choral Introit

Come to the Manger

D. Buxtehude

* Call To Worship (*Please stand and join responsively*)

One: Gathering in worship we join generations who have gone before on this pilgrim journey of faith.

All: Seeking to know you more fully and personally, our desire is to follow the path that leads us to you.

One: May this time of worship inspire us that we may boldly explore the breadth and depths of who you are.

All: Make of us courageous, determined travelers, present to each moment along the way and open to how the journey will change us; comforted and confident that as we take this journey, our companion is the one we seek.

Lighting of the Advent Candle (*insert*)

Missions Committee

Joanna Kelly, Judy Thorpe, Carol Young, Joan Wysham

Prayer of Confession (*The congregation uniting*)

God of Grace, you seek us out, calling us by name so that we know we are known and we are loved. Beckoning from within our very lives you invite us into relationship with you. Yet we refuse your invitation. Fear keeps us behind our doors, entrenched in familiar patterns, unwilling to reconsider what we know. You offer us opportunities to travel with you, to move beyond where we are, and to meet you in places where we will be challenged and grow. Our courage fails us, our excuses are ready, and we choose to stay where we are. Renew our pilgrim spirit, Generous God, that we may take the precious steps which draw us nearer to you.

Silent Prayer of Confession (*Please take time to be personal and specific. . .*)

Words of Assurance (*Please join in responsively*)

One: Hearts unburdened. Souls renewed with hope. Let us step into the new season
God has for us.

All: **Let us live in confidence: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

Hymn No. 406

We Are Standing on Holy Ground

Holy Ground

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalms 25:1-10

O. T pg.465

Anthem

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

P. Manz

Parable Time

Sermon

“Pilgrim Journey”

Rev. Nona Holy

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **Hymn No. 89 (vs. 1, 2, 4)**

For You, O Lord, My Soul
in Stillness Waits

My Soul In Stillness Waits

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (“...and forgive us our sins....”)

Anthem

There Shall Be a Star Come Out of Jacob

F. Mendelssohn

Ritual of Friendship

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

* Prayer of Dedication

* **Hymn No. 87**

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

Genevan

* Charge and Benediction

Choral Dismissal

Come, Gentle Jesus

R. Artman

Postlude

Arise, Ye of the Kingdom

J. S. Bach

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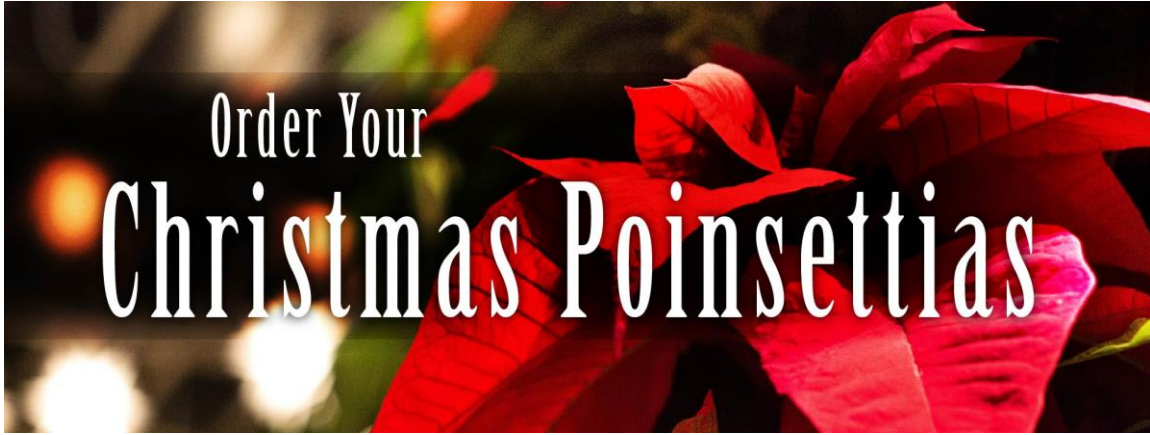
Participants in Today’s Service:

Catherine Smith, Liturgist

Sandra Borrer, Flutist

Donna Beech, Pianist/Organist

The flowers on the retable are dedicated to the Glory of God by Josh and Brenda Boucher.



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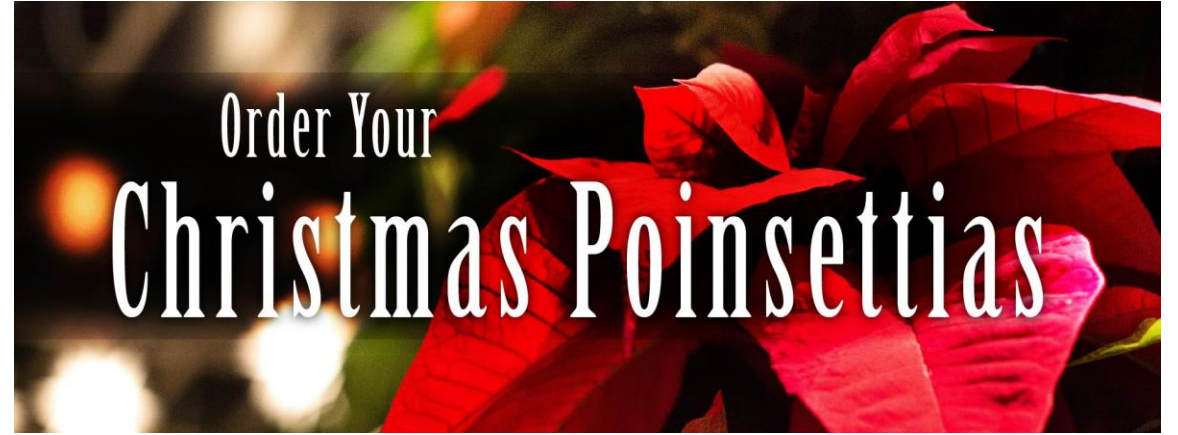
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Lighting of the Advent Candle

Opening Song

God with Us, Emmanuel

Joel Raney

He Will Be Called *Wonderful Counselor* (Please join responsively)

One: During Advent we wait for the coming Savior who is our Wonderful Counselor.

All: Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.

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Light the Candle of Hope

Congregational Response

God with Us, Emmanuel

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by
JOEL RANEY

Congregation:

Ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther, _____ Prince of Peace,
Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, Al - might - y God.
Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el. _____ God with
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