** Grace St. Paul’s United Methodist Church**

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

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1st Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE: May the Peace of Christ be with you!

 **And also with you!**

\*OPENING HYMN **“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, all you people! Do not remember the things of old, for God is making all things new!

**People: Let us with our voices exalt the Lord our God, for He has dealt wonderfully with us.**

Leader: The Root of Jesse has come; He has established His covenant with us and stands as a banner for the people.

**People: Great is He, the promised Son of David who comes to redeem and renew.**

Leader: Do not put your hope in men, or your trust in mortals.

**People: In the Word of God we will trust, and in Him alone is our hope found.**

**Both: Our whole being waits for the Lord; our hope is in His unfailing love. Amen.**

ADVENT PRAYER

**O God, our Father, you have brought us again to this glad season where we wait for and celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. For from Him light has come and gone forth into the world; in Him we have a blessed hope, and by Him we are redeemed, waiting for the full redemption of the world. We humbly enter your presence this morning in awe and reverence of your mighty acts, and in adoration of your unfailing love. We thank you, our Lord and Savior, that in our time of deepest darkness and despair, you sent forth your Word, and gave to us your saving grace. As we journey through this season, may our hearts be fixed on celebrating what you have done, and your wonderful plan that remains now unseen. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came and who is coming, draw us to worship you now and forever, Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*(See Insert)*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *2 Peter 3:1-13*

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 24:36-44*

 Leader: This is the Word of God, for the people of God.

 **People: Thanks be to God**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

 Offertory

 \*Doxology

CHOIR PRESENTATION

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION **“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”** SERMON (Various Passages) *The Full Hope in Christ:*

 *Victory, Salvation, & Redemption.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN **“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing (v.1)”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

* Our Christmas Eve Service this year will be held at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a Christmas Day Worship, Sunday, December 25th at 10:30.