

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent**

GATHERING

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Bells

OPENING SENTENCES

Awake from your sleep; salvation is near!

The night is far gone, the day is at hand.

Romans 13:11-12

GATHERING PRAYER

Faithful God, your promises stand through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

A voice crying out in the wilderness:

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Trusting in Gods grace, let us confess our sin.

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess the we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.

By your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom.
The people of God will return with joy and singing. Isaiah 35:1, 10

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

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.”

ANTHEM

“Thanks Canon”
Chancel Choir

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Reading from Mark 13:24-37

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Unexpected Hour”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle’s 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 from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (with the Lord's Prayer)

**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, the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.**

OFFERING MUSIC "Put A Little Love In Your Heart"
Trio, Mary Kay Payne, Marcia Dixon, and Sharon Flatter

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

HYMN "Soon and Very Soon"

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE

