

RAMAPO REFORMED CHURCH

NOVEMBER 29TH, 2020

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude: *The Grace of Christ* D. D. Eyang

Greeting: (Responsively)

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

P: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

L: Let us gather together as the people of God. Let us look forward as we begin this season of Advent.

P: Let us watch, wait, and hope! Even now God is moving toward us. Watch, wait, hope! Even now the wonder of God's love is drawing near.

L: Let us keep awake! For the shadows of our doubts will be lifted, and the presence of God will be seen in the birth of a small child.

All: Today we light the first Advent candle. It is the candle of hope. Our hope is based on our trust that God's gracious promise will be fulfilled. We light the candle in hope, looking forward to the time when all of God's people will safely live in God's kingdom to come!

Prayer

Salutation:

L: Grace to you and peace from God, who has come to us as a small child through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

*Song of Praise: "As With Gladness Men of Old" (vv.1-3) #105

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, we are not a patient people. In this fast moving world, we want what we want right now. In the season that speaks of patience and waiting, we are even reluctant to place our impatience in the context of a confession. It is simply who we are, and we do not know how to wait for you. You know all this about us even before we acknowledge it, so we ask you to give us the desire to long for you like the prophets of old. Stir up our hearts to love you, to acknowledge our self-centeredness and our pride. We know you accept us as we are, but we know you are transforming us through Jesus Christ. Hear us now as we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Prayer of Confession Continues in Silence)

Words of Assurance

Passing of the Peace: Leader: ... The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (see insert)

Music Ministry: "Jesus Loves Me" Words: Warner/McGuire
Music: William B. Bradbury
Performed by: Justin Dimbeng

WE EXPERIENCE THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Luke 1:26-38 p.56
(Response: Thanks are to God!)

Message for Children

*Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vv.1,4-7) #61

Sermon: "Advent Expectancies 2020"
Rev. Tim Dunn, Guest Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

*Apostles' Creed (see back cover of hymnal)

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology #965

*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements & Prayer Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" (vv.1,2,5) (see insert)

*Benediction

Postlude: *Maker, in Whom We Live* George J. Elvey
Performed by: Justin Dimbeng

*Indicates where those who are able may stand

Grace Peace and Love

Grace Peace and Love my sister
in the name of God.

Grace Peace and Love my brother
in the name of God.

Grace Peace and Love with all of
you who are in this place.

Together all gathered,
Let us praise the Lord.

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 Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,

and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living 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.



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