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Advent 2022 at



A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse;
a branch will sprout from his roots. –Isaiah 11:1

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

Childcare is available from 8:45 a.m. to noon in Room 3 of the Kuhn Education Wing. We also invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary.

Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of sanctuary).

The chancel flowers are given by Tom Kuhn in loving memory of Kathy.

Kirkin' o' the Tartans
Chiming of the Hour
Processional

Amazing Grace
Gustav Person, Bagpipes

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle Karen and Adam Taylor, Kathleen Preitz

L: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1)

P: **Whether we drove in or logged on or tuned in, we are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.**

L: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths." (Isaiah 2:3)

P: **We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored, as we watch and wait with all God's people for the promise to be fulfilled.**

(The Candle of Hope is lit.)

All singing:

*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.*

*Call to Worship

L: Awake from your sleep; salvation is near.

P: **The night is far gone; the day is at hand.**

L: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Call to Confession/Silent Personal Confession

**Those who are able are asked to please stand.*

*Prayer of Confession

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that 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. In 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. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria (Hymn 583)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Children's Message

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

(After the message, preschool and elementary-age children are invited to follow volunteers to the Little Kirk for an age-appropriate worship experience.)

First Scripture Reading (OT, p. 631)

Isaiah 2:1-5

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Keep Your Lamps

Andre Thomas

The Chancel Choir; Nate Ebeling, Percussion

Second Scripture Reading (NT, p. 162)

Romans 13:11-14

L: This is the word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"It's Always Darkest Before the Dawn"

The Rev. N. Conklin

*Hymn 100

My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Adeste Fidelis

Gustav Person, Bagpipes

*Doxology (Tune: "Old Hundredth")

*Hope in the God who reigns above, who holds us all in steadfast love;
Whose Spirit blows across the earth, preparing us for second birth.
Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope that we may be awake as we watch for the glorious coming of your kingdom through Christ our Savior. May these gifts we offer in thanksgiving to your faithfulness to us bring that same hope into the life of this world. Amen.

Prayers of the People/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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. 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 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

*Benediction

Postlude

Scotland the Brave
Gustav Person, Bagpipes

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