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First Sunday of Advent

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON



December 3, 2023
9:30 AM Traditional
Worship Service



CENTREVILLE
United Methodist Church

The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Matthew Smith
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Prelude arr. Burkhardt
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Jen Ita, organ

Lighting of the Advent Candle Monty and Sonia Harrison
Congregational Response: **We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kingdom all around us.**

*Hymn Hymnal No. 203
Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Joyful Noise, handbells

Children Dismissed to Kids Quest

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Opening Prayer Rev. Matthew Smith
Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent, turn our hearts again toward You. Make us ready to receive Your Son our Savior. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling Your hope in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' precious name, Amen.

First Lesson Jeremiah 8:18-21 Wes Albers
My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?') 'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.' For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

*Gospel Lesson John 1:19-23 Wes Albers
This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Bailey and Mayo
Come, Messiah, Come
Voices in Praise

Sermon Rev. Matthew Smith
"Songs of the Season"

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Phil Mohr

Celebration of Our Giving Rev. Phil Mohr

Offertory arr. Blersch
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
Please take a moment to register your attendance in the pew folders.

*Presentation of Offering/Doxology Hymnal No. 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Phil Mohr

A Service of Word and Table (with sung responses)

Invitation Hymnal No. 12

Confession and Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving Hymnal No. 17

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Cup and Bread

Communion Meditation arr. Leavitt
Lo, How a Rose is Growing

Communion Hymns Hymnal No. 210
Toda la Tierra (All Earth Is Waiting)

Blessed Be The God of Israel Hymnal No. 209

Prayer After Receiving Communion

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn Hymnal No. 202
People, Look East

*Benediction Rev. Matthew Smith

*Benediction Response Hymnal No. 668
Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

Postlude arr. Miller
Wake, Awake
Laura Hesse, organ

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11:00AM Relaxed Traditional
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Prelude *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* arr. Pachelbel

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Matthew Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Pucci Family

*Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* Hymnal No. 203

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children Dismissed to Kids Quest

Congregational Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Rev. Phil Mohr

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

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Anthem *Forever Reign* Praise Band

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Response

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Sounds of the Season" Rev. Matthew Smith

A Service of Word and Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with Your people on earth

And all the company of heaven

We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor invokes the work of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity and concludes:

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.

Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Meditation

No Longer Slaves

Praise Band

Celebration of Our Giving

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Rev. Phil Mohr

Offertory

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

arr. Blersch

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Hymnal No. 95

*Closing Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Praise Band

*Benediction

Rev. Matthew Smith

*Benediction Response

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Postlude

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