

Communion Music ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence***

arr. Larry Shackley

Chancel Choir

(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation

David Wagner

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

Communion Music ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

David Williams, organ

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

All: **The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

Benediction

Recessional

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

arr. Earlene Rent

Chancel Choir

Postlude

David Williams, organ



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent/Hanging of the Greens Sunday

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope

GATHERING

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
David Williams, organ

Welcome and Greeting

Explanation of Hanging of the Greens

Opening Music *Lift Up Your Heads* No. 129

*Responsive Reading

One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of God's royal son?

All: **With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

All: **With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

All: **With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of His passion, death and resurrection.**

One: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

All: **By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.**

One: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

All: **Glory to God in the highest!**

*Invocation

*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, and the power and the glory forever,

Amen.

*Gloria Patri

No. 35

Advent Wreath Liturgy

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1)

Children's Message

PRAYER

Prayer Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Michael Cox
David Williams

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

PROCLAMATION

Offertory Invitation

Special Music *Keep Your Lamps* arr. Andre Thomas
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *God Saves us "From"*

RESPONSE

Invitation to Discipleship

Questions for Reflection

What does Advent mean to you? What has it meant to you at different times of your life? (for example, as a child? A young adult? Now?)

Every year, on the first Sunday of Advent, the Gospel reading assigned for that day is always “apocalyptic,” describing a world turned upside-down and in calamity and crisis. Why do you think that is? What is the relationship between things like this and Christ’s coming at Christmas?

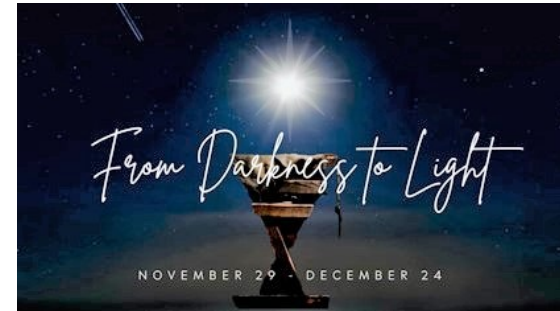
Read Isaiah 64:1. When in your life have you wanted to throw up your hands to heaven and cry out, “Lord, please come down and save me!”

Christ come to save us from the darkness – the darkness around us (in the world) and the darkness within us (our own sinfulness).

What is...

- One prayer you have for the world? What is some “darkness” in the world you hope God saves us from?
- One prayer you have for yourself? What is some darkness within you that you hope God saves you from? (Note: open sharing not mandatory)

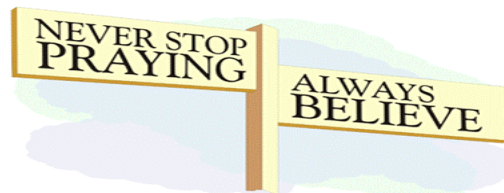
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Isaiah 64:1-4, 5b-7, 9 (NRSV)

- ¹ O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
² ^[a] as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴ From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.
^{5b} But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ^[a]
⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷ There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered ^[b] us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Prayer List



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We Pray for Those in the Military:

Rob Aikman, Bobbie Backes, Noah Burkham,
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Brandon Trail, Trysten Hall, Lucas Ward,
Katy Taylor, Mitchell Lucas

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Friends & Family

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