

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

December 4, 2011
Second Sunday in Advent

“To prepare for Christ’s coming”

“We come to celebrate God’s promises”

Prelude

Work of the Church Rev. Duncan

Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship “Hope Surrounds Our Advent Season” Stevens

Acolyte Greeting Alcie Kreutzer
*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth. Alleluia!*

*Hymn #76 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL

*Invocation & Lord’s Prayer Howell Peterson
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.

*Gloria Patri #252
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, amen.

Testimony of Faith

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle Youth Sunday School
Call to Advent

Come, O Advent God.
Plant seeds of hope in us that we might be under the care
of your green thumb forever.
We wait with anticipation for the One whose coming is
joyously good news and who offers abundant life.
Restore us, O God, so that each root and shoot glorifies
your faithfulness.

Come, O Advent God.

O.T. Scripture #543 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-11

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

Collective Prayer

Dear God, Father of Jesus Christ, who fed the 5,000 with
loaves of bread and fish: The God who provides all
food both physical and spiritual. We ask you God to
give food to those who are hungry and to give water to
those who thirst. Please give hope to those who worry
about food and water. Food and water nourish us to
grow and serve you in our actions. We praise you for
providing all that we need; our cups are always full of
your love and grace, Sustainer of all we are, Holy
God. Amen.

N.T. Scripture#34 Mark 1:1-8

Chorus “Light the Light, the Fire of Life” IL EST NE

Light the light, the fire of life,
let the candle reveal His glory.
Jesus Christ has come to earth
and for us shall come again.

Light the candle of His peace,
light the light of angels singing,
light the candle of His peace,
light the light that shone that night.

Light the light, the fire of life,
let the candle reveal His glory.
Jesus Christ has come to earth
and for us shall come again.

Morning Prayer

Rev. England Cole

*Hymn #368 “Here, at Your Table, Lord” BREAD OF LIFE

Offertory & Offering

*Choral Response #89

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

“To proclaim Emmanuel”

Scripture Reading OT#667 Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon “Basic Beginnings” Dr. Tim Moore

Anthem “Communion Meditation” Shackley
Linda LaBombard, flute

“To respond in faith”

Invitation to the Table

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Passing of the Peace

Christ who has nourished us, is our peace. Strangers and friends,
male and female, old and young, he has broken down the
barriers to bind us to him and to each other.

Having tasted his goodness, let us share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Church Covenant

Dr. Moore

We, the members of Sardis Baptist Church, believing in and committed to serving Jesus Christ, do covenant with one another.

As a church family, we promise:

To faithfully live our lives in such a way that we will honor Christ;

To glorify God through the praise and prayer of congregational worship;

To openly examine the Bible for knowledge and to deepen our relationship with God;

To diligently pray for one another, the church, and for God's peace and justice in the world;

To share the good news of God's love and salvation with those we meet;

To serve in our community & give to global missions;

To respect each other's faith journey, demonstrate tolerance and acceptance, and willingly resolve conflict in a spirit of love and patience;

To support one another in living this covenant by recognizing and encouraging the spiritual gifts given to all persons of this church family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Youth Group meets today at 4:30 PM to explore the "True Meaning of Christmas" and enjoy the lights of McAdenville. Contact Mandy to participate.
- The Church Christmas Party is Dec 10 at 6PM. Bring a side dish and/or dessert and invite a friend!
- Sign up in the vestibule to help with RITI on Dec 10. Contact Mandy or Magay with any questions.
- Christmas Caroling will be Dec 18 from 5-7.
- Christmas Eve Worship will be at 6 PM on Dec 24 at the Meetinghouse.
- December 25th, we will jointly worship with Sardis Presbyterian and Ben Salem Presbyterian at 11AM at Sardis Presbyterian Church. We will not gather for Sunday School that morning.
- The Church Office will be closed Dec 26 & 27.
- The Children's Choir will be singing December 11th in worship.

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It's not because things are difficult that we dare not venture.

It's because we dare not venture that they are difficult.

--- Seneca, 1st century philosopher

Call to Commitment

*Hymn #121 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" *Margaret*

*Benediction

Postlude

* If able, please stand.

The acolytes today are Ethan Cole and Dylan & Alcie Kreutzer.

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Rev. Tillie Duncan, Rev. Mandy England Cole,
Dr. Tim Moore, pastors;
Rev. Becky Proctor, interim minister of music;
Irena Hramenkova, pianist.


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