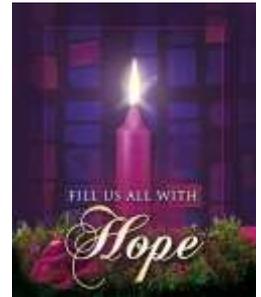


FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA



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Order of Worship

1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

~ At the sound of the chimes, please use this time to silently prepare for worship. ~

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: *This is the day that the Lord has made,*
People: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

PRELUDE “*Even So Lord Jesus Come*” Gaither

ADVENT READING - The Townsend Family

ADVENT HYMN - “*Star Child*” Verses 1-3

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

ALL: **We wait for the one who comes to us as close as our breath,
We wait for a messiah who will claim a future with us.
Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

ADVENT HYMN - “*Star Child*” Verses 4-5

ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Leader: As we wait for the birthing of the Christ Child, full of newness and light...

People: **Peace be within you!**

Leader: As we open our hearts, our souls to your transforming ways...

People: **Peace be within you!**

Leader: Advent begins today! Let us wait and watch together saying always...

All: **Peace be within you!**

*OPENING HYMN - “*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*” #82

*** THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

As we begin this Advent Season we confess that we have not always been patient. We have wanted life to speed up quickly, our prayers to be answered yesterday, or our lives to make sense today. We have wanted to rush rather than wait, we have seen slowing down as a sign of weakness. We struggle to live with unanswered questions, wanting instead absolute truths so that we do not have to engage in the practice of discerning your will.

As we begin this Advent Season, Living Spirit, help us to slow down so that we might see you. Guide us to let go so that we might hear you. Allow us to trust so that we might embrace. We pray all these things in the name of the Risen Christ, for whom we long in this Advent season. Amen and Amen.

*** SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS**

*** THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsively)**

In the hope of God **we have a future.**

In the grace of God **we have forgiveness.**

In the love of God **we have today.**

Thanks be to God, Amen.

*** GLORIA PATRI (New Version)**

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WELCOMING OF GUESTS

We invite our guests to use the nametags in the attendance pads to identify themselves so that we may get to know each other.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Mary Davis

SHARING OUR PRAYERS OF JOY OR CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 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.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #92 (1st & 2nd verse)

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.
With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

A LITANY OF WELCOME FOR OUR TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

Congregation: **With God's help we will.**

CHILDREN'S TIME - Faith's Joyful Noisemakers

"Lord Jesus Come" - Cootes Directed by Debi Godwin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Rev. Rico

ADVENT CALENDAR - Gertrude Balentine

ANTHEM - "A Little Child Will Come to Lead Us" - Besig

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Isaiah 7:10-17

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT - Matthew 1:18-25

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

SERMON - "Holy Disruptions"

What disruption is God sending you this Advent Season that might beckon you to deepen into the mystery of God?

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

APOSTLES 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY - *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"* - Broughton

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS*

* SENDING HYMN - *"Come Thou Almighty King"* #2

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* #88

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.

POSTLUDE *"The Rose"* - Russell