

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 2022

THEME: The Realm of God on Earth and Beyond



“In those days, the powers of heaven will be shaken.”

Mark 13:24

## GATHERING

*Prelude:* “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Raymond Haan

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

\*Call to Worship Psalm 124

Leader: Had it not been the Lord on our side- let the people now say-

**People: Had it not been the Lord on our side, then our enemies would have overtaken us.**

Leader: Then they would have swallowed us up alive and the flood would have swept us away.

**People: And the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord who rescues us and gives us life.

**People: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**People: Let us rejoice in our deliverance and praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn: #93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” Glory to God (see download)

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**People: Christ is our light. By grace the light has come into the world, and continues to come.**

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. (Isaiah 9:2)

**People: We will wait in the power of His arising, the Morning Star; we will wait for Christ to come again.** (Jeremiah 33:14-15)

Leader: In those days and at that time God will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; God shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**People: Make known to us your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.**

**All: Lead us in Your truth, and teach us, for You are the God of our salvation; for You we wait all day long.** (Psalm 25:4-5)

PRAYER OF THE DAY – Eternal Day Prayer

**O God of Light and Life, as we begin this Advent Season, we grieve over the darkness and suffering of this world, yet are always looking for relief and hope. For those who have little to gain and those who have lost so much, we plead for your mercy and strength. Be our Eternal Day. Give us always the garments of salvation and cover us with the robe of right living. Where we and the nations of the world fail your will, lead us back to the ways of life. Show us the limits of our wisdom apart from you. Strengthen us to the end. May rivers of mercy flood our souls and pour out on our communities, nations, and continents, until the whole world comes to your knowledge and glory, as waters that cover the seas. We pray this through Christ-to-Come, AMEN.**

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13:24-29, 35-37

Sermon “What Comes Next?”

#175 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God Glory to God (see download)

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of Abundant Gifts, may our simple gifts transform our own hearts, uphold the outreach of our churches, and bless the communities around us hungry for good news. We thank You for the privileges we enjoy and all the amazing gifts that come from Your hand. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

\*Hymn: #2 “Come, Thou Almighty King” (see download)

Charge and Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” Anna Laura Page

The End of Worship

The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

### **Prayers of the Congregation**

**Prayer Person this week: Taryn Shenk**

The Sanctuary Flowers today:

**Happy Birthday to our special boys, sons Steve and Mike  
grandson Ryder and great grandson Jackson  
Given by Ron & Sue Funk**



### **Advent Breakfast**

Next Sunday, December 4. Breakfast begins in Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m., followed by worship at approximately 9:45. Bring a covered dish breakfast/brunch item to share and think of your favorite

Advent and Christmas carols to request during worship.

The forms to order **Poinsettia plants** are in the Narthex

Remember our **At-Home Members** during the holidays! There is a list the back of the sanctuary.

Our next **Community Meal** will be Thursday, December 8.

# *Leacock Presbyterian Church*

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