

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 28, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE "For Advent" Paul Benoit
WELCOME Rev. Jim Davis
ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Brent Kendall
*MOMENT FOR GREETING

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

MUSICAL MEDITATION "All My Heart Today Rejoices" Georg Ebeling
CHORAL INTROIT "Comfort, Comfort You My People" Genevan Psalter 1551
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Wilcox Family
*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 132

Leader: *For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation:*

People: *The LORD proclaims: "This is My resting place forever;*

Leader: *here I will reside, for I have desired it.*

People: *Its priests I will clothe with salvation,*

Leader: *and its faithful will shout for joy.*

People: *There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David;*

Leader: *I have prepared a lamp for My anointed one.*

People: *His enemies I will clothe with disgrace, but on him, his crown will gleam."*

All: *Let us dwell in the house of the LORD!*

*GATHERING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN NO. 151

"Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"

WORSHIP OF GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Loving Omnipotent God, whose Kingdom never fades and covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill Your will. Though You have welcomed us into Your Heavenly Kingdom through Christ the King, we will not bind ourselves to You. You gave Your Son for our redemption, but we refuse Your love and withhold ourselves from others. In Your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Empower us with Your Holy Spirit and unite us to Christ as we grow in grace and understanding.

MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION

LITANY OF ASSURANCE

Leader: *No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit.*

People: *Truly I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen.*

Leader: *Everyone who believes in the Son of God may not perish but have eternal life.*

People: *God sent not the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.*

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 546

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Ms. Lisa Davis

(Children 3K-2nd grade may leave for Children's Worship Service. McArn Bldg., Room 40)

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 148

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory Anthem

"Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes"

Hal Hopson

*The Doxology

Hymn No. 544

*Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Sam. 23:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:33-37

Leader: *These are the words of God for the people of God*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Gift from the King"

Rev. Jim Davis

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

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SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN OF DEPARTURE NO. 152

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE GREETING OF PEACE

Leader: *May the peace of the Lord be with you always.*

People: *And also with you.*

*POSTLUDE

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**Those who are able will please stand.*

Welcome visitors and guests. We are glad that you have come to share in worship with us. A nursery for small children is available during the worship service in the McArn Building, Room 38.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

November 28, 2021

SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Praise in Westminster
	9:50 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Fellowship
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
WEDNESDAY	2:30 PM	Bethesda Blast
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir

PRAYER CONCERNS:

MEMBERS: Susan Marshall, Jim and Gail Sinclair, Betty Coombs, Lyn Bradley, Mel Pearson, Judy Martin, Chip Coffee, Helen White

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Lyn Neil (Jan Massalon's cousin), Clara Fife (Lisa McCaskill's mother), Anna Moody, Mary Wannamaker Hendrix, Dave Burrell (friend of the Satterwhites), Jimmy Kirkley (Ellen William's brother), Samantha Hammond (Carolyn's daughter-in-law), Bob Beard, Gloria Hall (Brenda Isaacson's cousin), James Garrison (The Satterwhite's nephew's son), Jean Van Gelder (Barbara Cross' sister), Anna Vaughn Manly (cousin of the Thomas'), Aileen Parker (friend of the Deal's), Rosby Warnock (BCS family), Betsy Hammet, Maryann Bowen (Cheryl Kelly's mother), Judy McAbee (Lisa Woolard's mother), Chloe Grein (friend of the Jones Family), Marie Wilson, Tricia Keenan (Marie Wilson's daughter), Lindsay Daniel (friend of the Martins)

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO the family and friends of Allen Roberts.

The red rosebud is placed in loving memory of Allen Roberts.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND SUPPER

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 8th in Westminster Hall. There will be a complimentary supper at 5:45pm and the program at 6:15pm. The children performing will have a separate meal. **Please make your reservation by calling the church office, online under Wednesday Night Supper or filling out the reservation form provided before Dec. 5th.**

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is up and ready! Please stop by McArn Hall and choose an Angel from Midway Elementary School. **The gifts are due by December 12th.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a Congregational Meeting December 12th, immediately after the worship service for the purpose of electing the elder class of 2024

SANCTURY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

The Christmas trees are given by Carolyn Hammond in memory of Betty and Sonny Barr, Ray Hammond and Phillip Hammond.

The Brass Candelabra are given by the Women of the Church in memory of Mary Martin.

THORNWELL OFFERING

Through Thornwell Home for Children, God has been working with hurting children and broken families. We are most grateful for all you do for the children God has entrusted to our care.

Today Thornwell has over 85 residents on campus. These children live in cottages with family teachers (caregivers) who interact with them throughout the day, much like you do in your own families, giving them the tools to become successful adults.

Whether on the Thornwell campus or in the community-based service, Thornwell is committed to serving the child, emotionally, physically, academically, and spiritually.

Praise God for this place called Thornwell. Praise God for people who have a heart for children's issues. God is working miracles in our midst. You can be part of this miracle.

There is a place for you at Thornwell. You can pray, for we covert your prayers. You can support this ministry through charitable gifts, for it takes money to do God's work. You can become a Champion for children, learning more about this ministry and ways in which you may become more involved.

Bethesda Church will collect our annual offering for Thornwell on Sunday, November 28th. Please make your check payable to Bethesda and indicate for Thornwell on the designated line.