

Grove Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

First Sunday of Advent

10:15 AM
December 3, 2017

-- Ready for the Word --

Announcements and Welcome

Musical Prelude

arranged by Martin

“The Holly and the Ivy”

Invitation to Worship

Minute for Advent

Advent Candle and Wreath

Insert

*We Sing Together

Hymnal No. 8

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving Creator, we tremble at the anticipation of what is yet to come. We are aware of our potential for both good and evil. We dance on the rim of an erupting volcano, ignoring the threat of nuclear holocaust, exhausting irreplaceable resources, pretending that the rich can get richer while the poor will not suffer. Forgive our nonsense. Increase our wisdom and our faith. Come now and teach us the way. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The word of promise is that God is faithful, even when we are not. God accepts us with all our weaknesses and limitations. God loves us into newness of life. By the life and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

Response

Hymnal No. 600

“Song of Mary: Magnificat”
Verses 1 and 3

-- Receiving the Word --

Passing of the Peace / Children’s Story

*We Sing Together

Grove Songbook No. 17

“Emmanuel”

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Lesson (page 540)

New Testament Lesson (page 50)

Reflection

Musical Offering

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Mark 13:24-37

“Wake Up!”

by Martin

“Every Valley”

-- Responding to the Word --

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

arranged by De Silva

“Winter”

*Doxology

Hymnal No. 592

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Those who wish, are invited to say to your neighbor when you serve them:

...the body of Christ broken for you...

...the blood of Christ shed for you...

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal Pg. 16

*Song of Commitment

Hymnal No. 2

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

by Page

“Bless Us, Father”

An Advent Benediction

*Postlude

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

*Please rise as able

Welcome today the Rev. Sally Dries, a native of the Sunbury area who has served churches and ministries locally and afar since her ordination in the United Church of Christ in 1976. Sally also counseled at Krislund and Kanestate church camps.

Participants in today’s service: Nathan Cole (worship leader), Shroyer and Daniels families (Advent wreath). Rev. Sally Dries (children’s story, reflection), Senior Choir (musical offering, choral benediction), Joy Christian (organist). Visiting preacher for next week: Rev. Sally Dries - Sermon: **“Messengers of Hope!”**