

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN .....397 The advent of our God

Lighting of the Advent Candle.....

**Prayer: Father, during the Advent season may we be reminded of your promises to us and your fulfillment of them. Help us to prepare our lives for His Advent within us. In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**SONG**

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright;  
A candle of *Hope* in December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky  
Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh.

GATHERING SONG.....The King of glory comes

CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Rev. Gail Coley MacDonald

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9*Reader: The word of the Lord.* *People: Thanks be to God.*

ADVENT ALLEUIA .....Alleluia! Hurry, the Lord is near

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO MARK

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

MARK 13:24-37

*Reader: The Gospel of Christ.* *People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

BAPTISMAL ANTHEM .....Come, be baptized

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THIS MORNING WE WELCOME ONE MEMBER INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST: AVERI MARINA LUCAS

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATE.....Lord, Here Our Prayer

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OFFERTORY HYMN.....O come, O come Emmanuel

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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**Celebrant:** God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**ALL:** *Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.*

COMMUNION HYMNS .....Our God reigns; wait for the Lord; How  
.....holy is Your dwelling place; The river is here

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**God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Glory to God,

**All:** *Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen*

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN.....389 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

DISMISSAL

**In the Name of Christ. Amen**