

“The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them..”

Isaiah 11:6



## Second Sunday of Advent

Affton Presbyterian Church

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**December 6, 2020**

Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:  
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or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted  
enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).  
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## **Service for the Lord's Day**

### ***Words of Welcome & Announcements***

#### ***Lighting the Advent Candles (Hope & Peace)***

From the Book of Common Worship, PCUSA

**We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**

**The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.**

Advent video will play now.

### ***Call to Worship***

One: Because of You, Righteous God, we begin our journey to Bethlehem,

**Many: trusting that You will lead us down the paths of faithfulness.**

One: For You, Child Jesus, we wait,

**Many: on this day of anticipation and hope, in the days of doubt and worry.**

One: With You, Spirit of Advent, we serve,

**Many: those for whom this season is not one of joy;**

**those whose lives are empty of family and friends.**

### ***Hymn #9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

#### ***Prayer of Confession***

**The chances we have to be more compassionate; the moments to offer hope to a lonely friend; the good fortune we could give to those who have so little. The**

**signs are all around us, Good and Upright God, of how we fail to live as your people. Do not meditate on our bungling ways, God of steadfast love, but remember the mercy of Your heart. That mercy which forgives us; that mercy which makes us whole; and especially, that living mercy who came down one night so long ago, Jesus the Advent of our redemption. Amen**

***Assurance of Pardon***

***Response "Gloria Patri"***

***Passing the Peace***

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**Many: and also, with you.**

One: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

***Prayer of Illumination***

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

***Scripture:*** Mark 1:1-8

***Sermon*** Someone is Coming! Julie Gvillo, Commissioned Pastor

***Hymn #325*** Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

***Affirmation of Faith The 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 rose 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.**

***Offering*** Checks may be mailed to the church

***Response of Praise "Doxology"***

***Prayer of Dedication:***

***Because of You, Abundant God, we have blessings to offer to others. May You use our gifts to restore hope to the despairing, to feed the hungry, and to fill the empty hearts of the lonely. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.***

**Communion Liturgy: Advent**

***Invitation to the Lord's Table***

Hallelujah! The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns!

Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory!

This Table is for the family of God.

Everyone who identifies as a child of God is welcome.

**Blessed are those who are invited to God's Table.**

***Great Thanksgiving***

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy  
to give you thanks and praise,  
O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

**You formed us in your image and set us in this world to love and serve you.**

When we were captives in slavery,  
you delivered us into freedom,  
and made covenant to be our sovereign God.

**When we were stubborn and stiff-necked,  
you spoke to us through prophets  
who looked for that day when justice shall triumph  
and peace shall reign over all the earth.**

Therefore, we praise you,  
joining our voices with the celestial choirs  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son.

**You sent him into this world to bring freedom to the captives of sin, and to  
establish justice for the oppressed.**

He came among us as one of us,  
taking the lot of the poor,  
sharing human suffering,  
dying an unjust death.

**We rejoice that in his dying and rising again, you set  
before us the sure promise of new life, the  
certain hope of a heavenly home  
where we will sit at the table with Christ our host.**

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we  
take from your creation this bread and this wine and  
joyfully celebrate his dying and rising,  
as we await the day of his coming.

**With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to  
you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to  
your service.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us – this bread, this cup, these people --  
Christ's body and blood, given in love for the world.

**Make us one in the Spirit,  
one in the church,  
and one with Christ our Lord.**

Make us a gentle, joyful, and thankful people,  
serving our neighbors, worshiping you  
alone. Keep us in the peace of Christ  
until you gather us at your table in glory.

**Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord!**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

***Words of Institution***

***Sharing of the Bread and the Cup***

***Prayer after Communion***

God our hope, we give you thanks  
that you have given us a foretaste  
of the justice, righteousness, and  
peace of your promised new creation.  
Strengthen us with this heavenly food  
as we seek to serve your holy realm.  
Lead us to live in joyful expectation  
of the coming again in glory  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayers of the People***

***The Lord's Prayer***

***Hymn (below)***

***I Love You, Lord***

# 80 I Love You, Lord

*Love the Lord, all His saints! Ps. 31:23*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor-ship You. O my soul, re-joice! Take joy, my King, in what You hear: may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

TEXT and MUSIC: Laurie Klein; arranged by Eugene Thomas

I LOVE YOU LORD  
Irregular meter

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**Charge and Benediction**