

# Affton Presbyterian Church

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**December 5, 2021**



## Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

↑Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles

The day of the Lord is surely coming.

**the promise of God will be fulfilled.**

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

We light this candle as a sign of the coming dawn of Christ.

**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

↑Hymn #13

“Prepare the Way”

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you sent your prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. We confess that we have not always paid attention to their warnings, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us grace to heed your messengers and prepare your way, so that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

↑Response

“Gloria Patri”

↑Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled. through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture

Readings from Luke Chapter 3

Meditation

↑Hymn #11

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

Offering

Please place offerings in the collection plate on the table upon entering or exiting the building. Checks can also be mailed to the church or donations made online.

↑Response of Praise

“Doxology”

### **The Lord’s Supper**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

On the day of the Lord, God will make for all people a feast of rich foods and well-aged wines. God will swallow up death forever and wipe away every tear. On that day, the people of God will say:  
**This is the Lord, for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God’s saving love.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...the prayer continues...* 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.

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

*...the prayer continues....* 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 promise of new life, the certain hope of a home where we will sit at table with Christ our host.**

*...the prayer continues...*we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we prepare the way for his coming.

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

*...the prayer continues...* that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place.**

*...the prayer continues...* Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes and we shall joyfully feast with all your saints.

**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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of God's People

Prayer After Communion

**God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us at this table as we seek to prepare the way for the coming of the Christ Child, who is our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

↑Hymn #10

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

↑Charge and Benediction

Postlude

**The people serving you...**

Musician: Lynette Milles

Liturgist: Betty Greaves

Advent Candle Lighter: Verna Pickles

Pastor: Reverend Hannah Zyla

**Please remember in your prayers...**

Bill Campey, Barb Cavicchia, Joe Maze

**Getting in touch with the pastor:**

If you are a visitor wanting to know more about Affton Presbyterian Church, a lifelong member looking for information or care, or just want to say hello, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Hannah Zyla. She would be happy to meet and talk with you at your convenience.

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*ZOOM Instructions for homebound:*

*Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:*

*Look under "Updates" on our site to join online.*

*or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted.*

*enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).*

*When asks for a Participant ID number, dial #.*

*On the phone, dial \*6 to mute or unmute yourself.*

*If asked for a password, enter 3410.*