

**“Whoever you are...wherever you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”
God is Still Speaking**

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF THE

Ascension

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

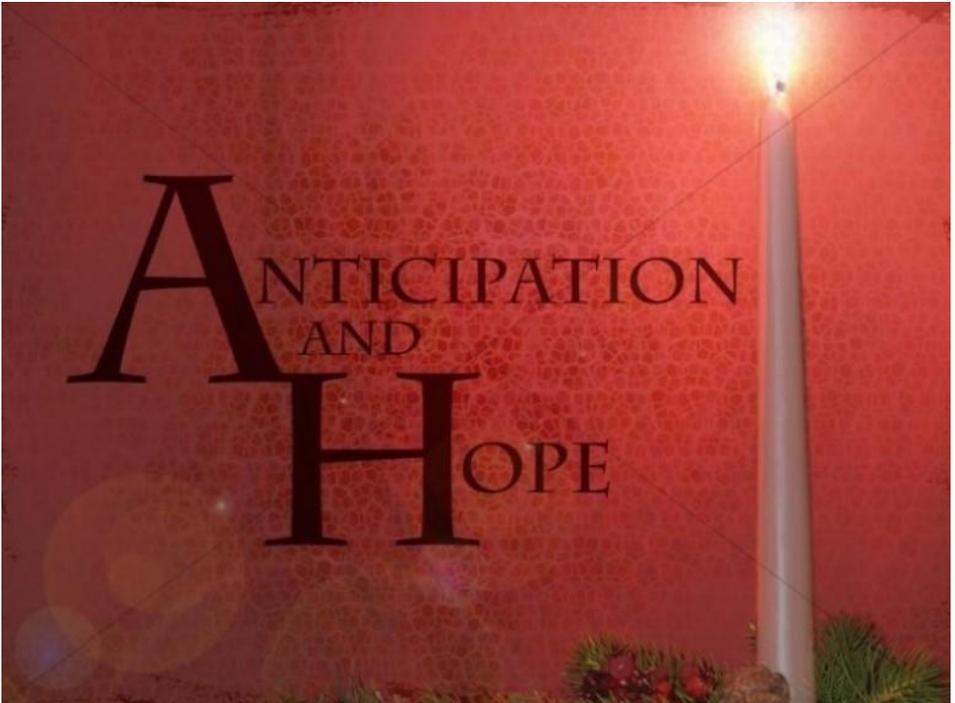


An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 28, 2021

11:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent



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Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“I Trust in You” (Ganzini)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR/RECEIVING THE LIGHT

GATHERING

PROCLAMATION

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Waiting in Silence

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN

“Woke Up This Mornin’” *Public Domain*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that it is not easy to wait for you, our world worships the power that acts quickly through force; how difficult it is for us to wait for the power of your rule which comes slowly through love.

We admit, that while claiming to desire your reign of peace and justice, we take part in the ways of war, hatred, and injustice. We leave little room for you to act in our lives. We turn to you in repentance and openness to your Spirit. Forgive us and show us how to clear a path for you. Come to us in your Christ and reveal your reign on earth.

silent prayer of confession

KYRIE

Unison A D E A

1 Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, ky - ri -
2 Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri -

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e e - le - i - son, ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” *Glory to God 93*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

please rise

Gospel Lesson Luke 21:25-36

Leader: Holy Wisdom

People: Holy Word

THE SERMON

Kimberly Cornwell, Moravian Seminary Student

THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES & OURSELVES

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hand Bell Choir

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts.

People: **We open them to our God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

People: **It is right to lift of thanks and praise.**

Leader: Great Deliverer, how wondrous are your deeds! You created the world and all that is in it. With a mighty arm you parted the waters and led your people to liberation. When we were in exile, you gathered us up in your bosom and led us home like a mother sheep. When we were mistreating our own, you sent prophets to set us right. You pulled down the arrogant and lifted up the weak. And when the time was right, you sent Jesus to set us free. Now send us again your life-giving Spirit and recharge your promise within us, for we are eagerly awaiting our Savior to come again from heaven, saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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!

Leader: So, with gratitude and expectation we remember that Jesus took bread, blessed, broke, and gave it to his disciples, saying, this is my body, given for you. So also we remember that Jesus took the cup, saying, this is the new covenant of love and grace poured out for you and for many. Do this in remembrance of me. Now, as we wait for him to come again, O God, stir up your power and restore us by sending your Holy Spirit to infuse us with hope in the great mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Bless us too, that by our eating and drinking we may have love for each other and be servants of Christ's peace, until the New Day comes and every creature finds an honored place at the Banquet of Life!

All: All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

BREAKING THE BREAD & POURING THE WINE

Leader: In the breaking of this bread, we are one with Christ in his body broken for us.
In the pouring of this cup, we are one with Christ in his blood poured out for us.
Come, for all things are ready.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, we come to this table to know you in the breaking of this bread.

PARTAKING OF THE MEAL

CLOSING HYMN

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” *Glory to God 350*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

“Go to the Vineyard” (Holberstadt)

November/December Birthdays

11/28-12/4/2021

Jackie Walsh, Michael Clayboss, Jr., Lucille McGinley (29)



Christmas Gift Ministry

Ascension, once again, will be sponsoring Christmas gifts for the children at Bethany Children's Home. The Home currently has 75 youths. We are looking to purchase \$25.00 Target gift cards for each child and are asking if you can send us the donations by 12/5, either through the mail or drop off at the office, and we will purchase the gift cards as well as drop them off to the Home.

We appreciate your generosity towards this important outreach mission, and we welcome you to consider sponsoring more than one child, if you are able.

You can honor a loved one this Christmas
by ordering a Poinsettia or
donating towards Greens
The order forms are in the Narthax
or you can call the office.

Christmas Caroling & Bonfire

Please join Ascension UCC
on Friday, December 17, at
7:00pm for a community
Christmas Caroling and
Bonfire event.





We welcome you to our Community of Faith. We pray that God will speak to you during this worship experience. If you have need of pastoral assistance, we encourage you to contact Pastor Dwayne at the church office number listed below or make an appointment with him today.

We welcome children in worship at all times. If you would prefer, childcare is available. Please see one of our ushers. Children's bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.

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| Minister of Music | Dan Weckerly |
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