

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 30, 2014 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence and turn off all electronic devices for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship.

Prelude: "Listen for His Coming"

arr. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Isaiah 60

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

* Hymn: PH 328, stanzas 1-3

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

VENI IMMANUEL

* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

This is the Advent of our King!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

* Prayer of the Day:

Merciful Father, who sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation, give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

The Prophets' Candle

* Response: PH 328, stanza 4

"O Come, O Come Immanuel"

VENI IMMANUEL

O come, O Branch O Jesse's stem, unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and all holy Father, we confess that we are unworthy of this unspeakable gift we have received in Christ Jesus our Lord. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we always loved and forgiven one another, even as you have loved and forgiven us. We have often lived only for ourselves and have not always used the gifts you have entrusted to us to serve others. Pardon and blot out our offenses, through the merits of our Lord and Savior. Prepare our hearts by your grace for deeper repentance and holiness of life. Grant us freedom from the dominion of sin so that we might live for your glory and magnify your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Silent Prayer and Confession Minister: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Isaiah 44

Ministry Report: Jason Maas

Installation of Elders and Deacons: PH 1004

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- * Hymn: PH 327, stanzas 1-4 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" PUER NOBIS
(Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.)

Reading from the New Testament:

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon: *The Names of Jesus at Christmas – Jesus*

Prayer

- * Hymn: PH 335 "Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes" RICHMOND

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

- * Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "The Prayer of St. Gregory"

Hovhanness

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

- * Blessing:

Now may he, who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and good will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

- * Doxology: PH 327, stanza 5 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" PUER NOBIS

All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Postlude: "When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

arr. Broughton
