

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 29, 2015 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "On Jordan's Bank"

Burkhardt

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* Call to Worship:

Psalm 130:5-8

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits and in his word I put my hope. My soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen wait for the morning.

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O Israel, put your hope in the LORD,

For with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

* Hymn: PH 329

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

STUTTART

* 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.

Blessed be God,

And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Advent Reading: Isaiah 2:4

Reader: 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 any more.

All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Response: Bulletin pp. 3-4, stanza 1 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" HOUSTON

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, we have not kept watch for you. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for your coming.

Silent Prayer and Confession

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

All: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

I John 3:7-8

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: PH 331 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGER
[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

* Scripture Reading: Amos 8

Sermon: *I Don't Want to Hear You Sing!*

Prayer

* Hymn: PH 327, stanzas 1-4 "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" PUER NOBIS

THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "O Come, O Come Immanuel" Peeters

BLESSING

* Blessing:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

* Doxology: PH 327, stanzas 5 "On Jordan's Banks 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: Savior of the Nations, Come" Bach
