

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019 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.

** indicates congregation stands. **Bold print indicates unison reading.***

Prelude: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Thomas
Broughton

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

* God's Greeting:

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

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

Amen.

Praise be to God!

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
who has visited and redeemed his people.**

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

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

* Hymn: "Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"

PH 335

Lighting of the Advent Candle

* Prayer of the Day: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

PH 328:1

**O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession

based on Psalm 43:3–5

Prayer of Confession

God's Will for Our Lives and Assurance of Pardon:

based on Romans 13:11–14, Galatians 4:4–5

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

**For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the
night is far gone, the day is near.**

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see.

Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in promiscuous and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy.

Instead, let us clothe ourselves with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, and not even think about ways to indulge evil desires.

And let us live as those who remember the message of God's empowering grace to carry out this way of life in the Spirit of the Savior who has come:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. Thanks be to God!

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "He Leadeth Me"

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Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 – grade K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading:

Luke 1:1–25 (p. 1012)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: *The Story of Christmas: Waiting*

Prayer

* Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Sacrament

The Thanksgiving

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

With joy we praise you, gracious Father, for you have created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us—even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming opened to us the way of salvation and whose triumphant return we eagerly await. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.

* Nicene Creed

(Inside back cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Please hold the bread until all have been served.

The communion bread is gluten and wheat free.

Please hold the cup until all have been served.

The outer ring holds wine; the inner rings hold grape juice.

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

* Response of Thanksgiving: "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

Anderson

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

* Benediction:

Romans 15:13

* Doxology: "Soon and Very Soon"

* Postlude: "Glory to His Name"

Jordan

Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Werken

Liturgist: Brandie, Will, Katie, Jonathan, and Jacob Vande Werken; Ginette Hehn

Organ: Sharon Bakker | Piano: Laurie Vander Baan

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