

Central United Church

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Sunday December 3rd 2023
First Sunday of Advent

We gather....

Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship

Lighting of Advent Wreath – “We Wait in Hope”

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Passing of the Peace:

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you

Response: **And also with you**

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19 (Responsive)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

*You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.*

**Stir up your might,
and come to save us!**

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

*O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?*
**You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

*You make us the scorn of our neighbours;
our enemies laugh among themselves.*

**Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

*But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.*

**Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way to you. Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming.

Silent Prayer and Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

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; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Offering and Offertory

We hear....

Old Testament Lesson: (Page 694 OT)

Isaiah 64:1-9

Epistle Lesson: (Page 166 NT)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Hymn: "How Long O Lord, How Long"

Message:**the time will come**

We respond.....

Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"

Apostles' Creed

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Commissioning and Blessing

Next Week's Bible Readings

We invite you to read the scriptures in preparation
for next Sunday, Second Sunday of Advent:

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

Take Note

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