

“Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action.” ~W. J. Cameron

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Aileen Agoncillo, Guest Speaker

Jerry Hill (8:00) and Holly Rogerson (9:30), Worship Assistants

November 27, 2011

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting One Another

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle. Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)

*Opening Hymn “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” 196

Lighting of the Advent Candle Bill & Lyn Wallace (8:00);
Holly Rogerson (9:30)

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the *coming of Christ*—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the Candle of Hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

The first candle of Advent is lit; and the people respond...

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by You that we may walk in the light of Christ.

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠ Prayers of the People ✠ The Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” 247
(Children are dismissed at this time for Sunday School.)

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Celtic Advent Carol” The Wesleyan Choir

*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

*Offertory Prayer [unison]

During this season of waiting and anticipation, we are reminded to stay awake for the coming of Your Son. Jesus’ love often comes into our lives in quiet, unexpected ways. Today, we generously respond to this compassion and commit ourselves to living in a manner worthy of Your love. In anticipation of the coming of Jesus, the Savior, we pray. Amen.

The Scripture Lesson

The Message Aileen Agoncillo, Guest Speaker

*Closing Hymn “Let All Mortals Flesh Keep Silence” 626

*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” 881

*Benediction

Postlude

**If able, please stand to worship God*

Many thanks to Robin Smith for accompanying us this morning while our organist Kerry Fenton is on vacation.

We welcome YOU to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting our church for the first time, we extend you a special greeting. *(Please inform us of your complete name and address on the Fellowship Pad or in the Guest Book.)* We invite you to enter into our worship wholeheartedly. Sing out! Listen intently to God’s Word! Be open to promptings of the Holy Spirit! And after the service, give us a chance to talk with you and invite you back! We look forward to your worshipping with us again.

ABOUT THIS WORSHIP SERVICE ...

Altar Flowers today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Honor of Aileen Agoncillo, by The Missions Committee.

Morning Greeters this morning are Maralyn Wayles & Madge Laughlin.

Ushers this morning are Alice & Bob Stott.

Acolyte this morning is Austin Cookson.

Thank you to Tim Eick, Bob Slotterback & Tom Romspert for helping at the 8:00 service.

Prayer Chain No. 4 is in effect this week. Please call Elmer States, 215-355-0362, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Until further notice, all worship services will be held in Fellowship Hall due to the roof repair work in the sanctuary.

Traditional worship will have two services, at **8:00 & 9:30** a.m.; Contemporary at **11:00** a.m.

Please enter the building through the front doors when services are in progress.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Worship Services

Traditional

9:30 a.m.

Contemporary

11:00 a.m.

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