

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1st Sunday of Advent

December 2nd, 2018

10:30 AM

* *Stand if you are able*

Bold: *Said by all*

All hymns, scriptures and congregational prayers are projected.

Musical Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

* Entry of the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (responsive): Advent Insert

(projected)

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

(Jane Ashenden)

Invocation for Advent

* Gathering Hymn: *"Hope Is A Star"*

(#119)

Prayer of Approach:

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Lord, have mercy on us.

We are not ready for your coming.

We live in sin,

as though there were no justice.

We live in fear,

as though there were no grace.



Forgive us, Lord.

Show us your mercy and steadfast love.

Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,

for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

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MINISTER: Rev. Mikal Schomburg

ORGANIST: Ian Madge

Choir Anthem: *"Christmas Communion Song"* (Susan Naylor Callaway)

* Children's Hymn: *"Long Ago, Prophets Knew"* (#121)

Children's Story

(Children & Worship, Paul's People Jr. and Sr. go downstairs for Sunday School)

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination (in unison): Speak, Lord, in the stillness, speak your word to me; hushed my heart to listen in expectancy.

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; Luke 21:25-36

One: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE

* Hymn of Response: *"We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"* (#717)

Invitation to Offering

Prayer of Dedication

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Invitation to Communion

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive) (---- denotes pause)

One: The Lord be with you.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

One: Lift up your hearts to the Lord.

ALL: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

ALL: Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

ALL: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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* **Declaration of Faith** (in unison): **FROM THE BELHAR CONFESSION**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ,
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,
that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

**We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity;
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer

SENDING

* Parting Hymn: *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (#122)

* Benediction:

* *"Go Now in Peace"*

* Exit of the Word

Musical Postlude

Pardon:

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.