

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 2, 2018

10:45 AM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT OUR HOPE IS IN THE LORD

Greeting:

Announcements

Lighting of the First Advent Candle (Love)

Preparation for Worship (Silent Prayer)

Prelude:

Call to Worship

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.
Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;
Psalm 146:1-6

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation - Lord's Prayer

*Gloria Patri (No. 734)

*Hymn No. 194 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Call to Confession: 1 John 1:5-8

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Let us confess our sins

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O most great, most just and gracious God you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in him. We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. You have revealed Your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him, but we have turned away. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In Your Son is our salvation, in Your promises our hope. Take us for Your children and give us the Spirit of Your Son. May we love You and share Your love with others, through Jesus Christ our only Savior.

Private Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn No. 498 *Jesus What a Friend for Sinners!*

Offertory

*The Doxology (No. 731) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem *Mary, Did You Know* Bock

Prayer of Supplication and Intercession

*Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16

Message:

Rev. McIntyre

*Hymn No. 523 (vv. 1-2)

My Hope Is in the Lord

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of

God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic^o church;

The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

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The Communion Service

Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Examination 1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Invitation

All who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, are baptized members in good standing of congregations that proclaim the gospel, are repentant of their sin and are at peace with their brothers and sisters in Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

It is our belief that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper using the elements of unleavened bread and wine. Therefore, following his example, the bread offered is unleavened and wine is offered in the outer ring of the tray. If, however, for reasons of conscience, you are not able to participate using wine, grape juice is provided in the center of the tray.

(A Word to Parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and have been received as communing members by the church to which their parents belong.)

Prayer

Communion

*Hymn No. 261 (vv.3-4) *My Hope Is In the Lord*

*Benediction

*Response: Threefold Amen

Postlude

***Standing**

A CRY ROOM IS AVAILABLE JUST OFF THE VESTIBULE

A NURSERY FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN IS PROVIDED IN GRACE HALL