

Date: December 1, 2024

1st Advent

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Preparation

Anne Osdieck

Be vigilant at all times...Jesus. You came into our world with all its sorrows. Keep us watchful for your presence in the midst of our struggles. Tell us again that your love will triumph. Make us vigilant. Put our hearts on alert. Let us be aware of all the places in our world where you are, in all beauty, anywhere there is love, in helping hands reaching out. Come, Lord Jesus, to all the dwellings in our lives where you are not yet.

Gathering in the Presence of God

**Please stand as able, in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

German Carol

Welcome

Choral Prophetic Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Liturgist

Source: The Message

***Call to Worship** (responsively)

Liturgist

The days are coming; your redemption is nearing.

Teach us your paths as we wait on your coming promise.

The heavens are speaking; your kin-dom is arriving.

Strengthen our hearts as we wait on your coming promise.

The world is turning; new life is appearing.

Keep us alert as we wait on your coming promise.

We worship you with waiting hearts this day.

Fill us with hope in this season. Amen.

Lighting of the

The Candle of Hope (blue)

The Hayes Family

First Advent Candle

(Chris, Kate, Harrison)

***Hymn**

While We Are Waiting, Come

GTG 92

Confessing Our Separation from God (unison) Liturgist
Coming Christ, you may not find us as you hoped. We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see. We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear. We are numb to inconvenient truths. Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors. Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue. Sharpen our minds clouded by worries. Sober our lives addicted to privilege. Show us the signs of your coming, that we may stand before you, the Son of Man, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness** *Jesus, Draw Me Close* Rick Founds
Jesus, draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close;
Closer, Lord, to You.
For I desire to worship and obey.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

We Hear God's Word

Prayer of Illumination Liturgist

Gospel Lesson Luke 21:25-36 Pastor Eddie
Source: New International Version

Anthem *Better Days* John Rzeznik
Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

Reflection Watch: The Time Is Coming

***Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles Creed* GTG p. 17
Ecumenical

**Prayers of the People of God –
Joys and Hopes**

The Act of Gratitude

Offertory: *Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand* GTG 832

***Doxology: An Expression of Faith to God** GTG 606

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (unison) Liturgist

Gracious God, in this season of anticipation, we offer our gifts with hopeful hearts. As we prepare for the fullness of your kin-dom, may these offerings be a sign of our readiness and desire to live attentively. Use them to bring justice, righteousness, and joy to our world. Surprise us with your presence and help us to look up, to pay attention, and to embrace the hope you bring. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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Hymn of Invitation *Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with
Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right to give thanks and praise...Great is the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted. And yet, we received everything that we needed. For this, we pray the way your son, our Lord and Savior taught us to pray... "Our Father..."

**The Words of Institution & the
Blessings of the Home Communion Sets**

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

Communion Prayer

We Follow God's Word into the World

***Hymn**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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***Benediction**

Postlude

Next Week's Liturgist: Deb Norton

Thank you to Pam Jusino for this week's Communion Bread

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Eddie Jusino

Liturgist: Betty Jean Schwarz

Ushers: Adele Trout and Cheryl Maginley

Music: David Libby

Soloist: Tina Marie Casamento

The Westminster Choir

A/V Tech: Melissa Schrock and Blue Jade

The Jacobs/Still family would like to express their thank you to our Church Family and Friends for your overwhelming support with beautiful cards and personal sentiment after the death of Don. Your care and concern gave us a deep sense of peace.

May you and yours enjoy a holiday season filled with happy memories.

The Jacobs/Still Family

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER POINSETTIA PLANTS TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS – order forms are available in the narthex.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 @ 10:00am – SUNDAY SERVICE – Please join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for a light luncheon, hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Signup sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall for the next several weeks.

WORLD AIDS DAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 @ 5:30pm Walk in solidarity with those who have been impacted with AIDS. Meet at CAMP Rehoboth at 5:30 p.m. and walk to All Saints Episcopal Church for a worship service.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 @ 6 pm- REHOBOTH BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE - Join with brothers and sisters in faith of St. Edmond's to carol and walk Rehoboth Avenue with the St. Edmond's Christmas float. Song books available with Pam Jusino. Dress warmly in red and green!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 @ 11am-2pm – UMCL CHRISTMAS WRAPPING PARTY – Unique Minds Changing Lives has invited WPC to wrap gift donations for Lewes/Rehoboth families. What to bring – wrapping paper, bows, tape, scissors and a Joyous Spirit. UMCL is requesting a head-count, so confirm your attendance with Deb Norton (deb.norton@frontiernet.net).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 @ 12-1pm - CAROLS AT THE REHOBOTH BEACH BANDSTAND - Join with neighbors of St. Edmond's to sing

Christmas Carols at the Rehoboth bandstand. More info to come!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 WESTMINSTER'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON after worship on Sunday, December 15.

Fellowship committee will supply the ham and rolls, members are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

READ ALOUD DELAWARE (RAD)– Westminster is collecting new or gently used children's books suitable for kindergarten to 5th grade. Our earlier donation of 30 used books to Stacy Penaranda, Sussex County Director of Read Aloud Delaware were gratefully received, but there is still a need and many more children who would benefit from this program with additional books. A donation basket will be in the narthex for any donations.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Sarah Altvater, who as a hospice nurse gives so much of herself to her patients, is suffering with neck and back pain. We pray that Our Lord will provide wisdom to her doctors leading to pain relief and healing. May the Holy Spirit comfort her with peace.

Bill Richmond (87), father of Laurie Kiddy, fell recently and suffered 3 cracked ribs. **Ray and Laurie Kiddy** are new friends of WPC. We join the family in prayers for Bill's rapid and complete recovery. May the comforting presence of the Holy Ghost give them all strength of body and spirit.

Long Term Health Concerns

Mary Beth Adair

Mary Boyer

Francis Cowgill

Bonnie Ekas

Rev. Charles Gilmore (Pastor, Coolspring Presbyterian Church)

Mable Granke

Hull McLean & Barbara Miller

Joe Morgan, D.D.S.

Jane Nicholson

Betty Pratt and Richard Pratt (her son)

Caleb Randall (family friend of Dave and Deb Norton)

Lois Ann Rayner

Georgia Rode (friend of Pastor Eddie and Pam Jusino)

Lisa Salita (Pastor, Georgetown Presbyterian Church)

Joyce Turner (friend of Leslie Marsh)