

ANTHEM

"On This Day"
Sanctuary Choir; Arlene Lathrop, oboe

Jonathan Willcocks

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP #176 "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

*BENEDICTION

POSTILUDE

* Stand in body and or spirit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Goodness & Groceries - Wednesdays at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays at 7 pm in the choir room.
- Women's Bible Study - Thursdays at 10 am in the conference room.
- Children's Sunday School - 9:15 am in choir room with Ward and Lin Gailey.
- The Wired World Sunday School - with Aaron Roberts - 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall and zoom.
- Through the Bible Sunday School Class with Jeffrey Cochran at 9:15 am in the parlor.

Prayer List:

Members: Carol Abbott, Michael Bennett, Joel Bryant, Jean Bunker, Peggy Chase, Bettye Cochran, Carolyn Francis, Jason & Phyllis Howard, Gene Ingram, Sandra & Dan Martin, Sara Moseley, Gene Park, Stephanie Phillips Ayoola, Sue Rodgers, Joan Scott, Kim Seal, Collette & Jack Shedd, Sally Smith, Mark Stanley, Pat Stanley, Anne Watson.

Friends & Family: Amelia, Grace, Emileigh Cawthon, Dorothy Clark, Elaine Clem, Donna Lee Fernald, Ken Fitch, Family of Harold Hollaway, Ron Keene, Mike Kitchens, Danny-Martin, Nikki McGee, Laura Seal, Jeff Smith, Rachel Towns, Annette Johnson Wickus

COAT CLOSET NEEDS: Men's Socks
Men's T-shirts (Med to XXL)

JOSEPH'S PANTRY NEEDS: Potatoes, canned;
Beans (not green); Peas; Soup; Corn, canned

FUZZY TREE NEEDS:

Rev. Kristy Ray, Pastor
Jayden Burch, Acting Custodian
Linda Hodges, Office Manager

Ward Gailey, Music Director
Andrea Emmel, Musician
November Head Elder: Paul Szeto

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November 28, 2021
11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent



*Let There
Be Light*

LIGHT IN HOPE, IN PEACE, IN
JOY AND IN LOVE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

(Please silence all electronic devices during this hour of worship.)

PRELUDE

CHIMING THE TRINITY

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT #154 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Szeto

Leader: Here I am to worship.

People: Here we are to worship

Leader: We worship with singing, with praying, with listening, with gathering.

People: Come Lord Jesus, fill this place. Light up the room with your presence. Light up our hearts with your words.

All: Let us worship the Lord Our God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Jacob Ingram & Sally Smith

Reader: Advent is a season of waiting, a season of expectation, a season of time to reflect. Pueblo culture calls light "the coming," light that is not only here but coming. As we light candles to gaze upon we remember Jesus said not only "I am the light of the world."

People: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

Reader: Each week we will learn about words and ways other cultures and languages speak about the words we hear. Today we light the candle that is a symbol of hope. In Hebrew the word for hope is tiqvah (tik-vaw) which literally means line or cord, the thing that we long for.

People: We long for God with us. Emmanuel. Hope and light of the world. Let there be light!

(Lighting of the Hope Candle)

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for Jesus being the cord that binds us to you. Thank you for being the hope that was so longed for throughout time. We hold on to hope, we hope for your coming once more to wipe away our heartaches and tears. We hope for so many things. May we hold our hope in you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Jesus, the Light of the World"

(verses 1 & 2 sung by choir and congregation to join in the chorus.)

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.

Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.

O, shine all around us by day and by night.

Jesus the Light of the World.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are called to hold on to hope and put our hope in you, yet time after time we have put our trust and hope in things of this world. Things that fail us, things that don't fill and fulfill, things that are empty: empty promises, empty possessions, empty relationships. We call upon you to make your ways be known to us. Guide us in your paths- path of righteousness, paths of mercy, paths of justice, paths of hope. We need you God in this season when we feel so empty. We need hope. We need your hope. Help us in this season, in this day, in this moment to be filled with your hope, with your love.

(Time of personal confession)

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News from the Indigenous version of John 12:46. "I came into this dark world as a shining light, so the ones who trust me will no longer have to stumble in the darkness."

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Kristy Ray

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Light of Hope"

Rev. Kristy Ray

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE #157

"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere, the giver and renewer of life. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

BLESSING OF TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS