

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 3, 2017

First Sunday in Advent

Silent Meditation: “Waiting is a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about Him whom we are waiting for.”
- Henry Nouwen

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Old Church Choir” Choir

*Opening Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” No. 244

*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus. Come now.

People: Come into our hearts and homes. Come into our minds and malls.

Leader: Come into our living and dying. Come into our seeking and wandering.

People: Come and know us. Come and embrace us.

Leader: We await your coming. We pray to be ready.

People: Come, Lord Jesus. Come now.

*Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (“Debts”)

*Gloria Patri No. 813

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.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading John 1:14; Galatians 4:4 N. T. Pg. 79 & 167

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Special Music “Give Me Faith”

Children’s Chat

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*The Doxology No. 815
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Inspiration “Lamb of God” No. 302

Congregational Joys and Concerns

Silent Meditation and Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Sermon Text Luke 1:26-38 N. T. Pg. 78

Sermon “Something New”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Holy Communion (We invite all to join us at the Lord’s Table)
Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Blessings and distribution of the Bread
Blessings and distribution of the Cup

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*Closing Hymn “In Christ Alone” Insert

*Benediction

*Response “Threefold Amen”

*Postlude

*The congregation is invited to stand.

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WORSHIP: 10:00 A.M

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

If you know of someone who is seriously ill or hospitalized,
please call the church office at 949-1134.

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH
DECEMBER 3, 2017

<p>Sunday, December 3 9:00 a.m. Adult Class 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Bible R.E.A.D. 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m. Dream Team Bazaar 12:45 p.m. Village 2:30 p.m. Cortland Place</p>
<p>Monday, December 4 7:00 p.m. Executive Board 7:00 p.m. Quilting</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 5 10:30 a.m. Village 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 6 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Lower Vestry 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>
<p>Thursday, December 7 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Free at Last</p>
<p>Friday, December 8 9:00-2:00 p.m. Thrift Shop 10:30 a.m. Brookdale</p>
<p>Saturday, December 9 9:00-Noon Thrift Shop</p>

NEXT WEEK AT GBC: Second Sunday of Advent
 Scriptures: Luke 1:13; 18-20; Luke 1:26-38
 Sermon: "Look Up"

REMINDER – Please refrain from bringing anything liquid into the Sanctuary other than bottled water and baby formula. Please silence cell phones prior to the beginning of the worship service.

SHARE THE LOVE – Bears are joining us in the pews as we worship and are waiting to be carried to someone who needs a hug. Visiting children are welcome to take one, and anyone else can take one to bring to someone who needs a prayer and a hug

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING – December 10th following worship will be the Church Business Meeting. We will be voting on the Annual Budget and Board and Committees. Copies of the Budget are available.

SOUPS ON! Are you going to visit a shut-in? Do you know someone who is ill? Please take one of our soups from the freezer when you go on a visit. Some soups are available in the lower vestry freezer and more are upstairs in the big freezer. Help yourself.

LUNCH WITH FRIENDS – The Christmas celebration will be at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19th. We always have a good time as we feast on a delicious ham dinner, and don't forget the chocolate fountain!! Hope you can make it. We always enjoy celebrating the holidays with friends.

CRAFT BAZAAR SALE –After church on December 3rd, the Dream Team to Build Confradia Church is sponsoring a Craft Sale. All proceeds will benefit Mission Honduras.

SOUP KITCHEN – The Soup Kitchen at St. George's Episcopal Church in Central Falls is today. We will be making sandwiches following the worship service. If you would like to make sandwiches, bake a dessert and/or serve lunch there is a sign up sheet on the table in the Lower Vestry.

Here are just a few examples from Scripture of what the Lord has spoken over you – what He says about you:

- * I am a child of God. (John 1: 12)
- * I am God's workmanship. (Ephesians 2:10)
- * I am totally and completely forgiven. (1 John 1:9)
- * I am God's Child. (Galatians 3:26)
- * I am Jesus' friend. (John 15:15)
- * I am a whole new person with a whole new life. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- * I am a place where God's Spirit lives. (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- * I am totally and completely forgiven. (1 John 1:9)
- * I am created in God's likeness. (Ephesians 4:24)
- * I am a citizen of Heaven. (Philippians 3:20)
- * I am greatly loved. (Romans 5:8)

You are loved by God. You are a child of God. You are in the presence of God. You are forgiven by God. When we remember and live by these words, we can join Mary and say this prayer as well: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."

I wish to give a poinsettia(s) to decorate our church sanctuary for Christmas. Plants need to be delivered to the church office by Friday, December 23rd.

If you wish, the Flower Committee will order a plant for you at a special discount price:



_____ 6" \$13.00 _____ 7" \$20.00 _____ 8" \$25.00

_____ please order a plant for me.

_____ I will purchase a plant and deliver it on Friday, December 22nd. (By 10 a.m.)

PLEASE HAVE THE PLANTS WRAPPED IN GREEN.

Plant(s) presented in loving memory of:

Given by:

Please leave the poinsettia(s) in church until after the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

I would like:

_____ to pick up the poinsettia(s) after the service on Christmas Eve.

_____ to have the plant(s) given to a shut-in.

You may give this form to Paula Davis, (Flower Committee) or mail it to the office.

All orders must be in on or before December 17th.

Flower information must be received in the Office no later than December 17th if it is to be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.