

The Approach to God

PRELUDE Advent-Thanksgiving Medley L.Cornwall, Piano

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *"We've Come to Worship You"*

PRAYER FOR OUR CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 130)
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

People of God, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

***HYMN OF PRAISE #146** *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

***SALUTATION**

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Congregation: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

UNISON READING #12 Psalms 42 and 43 Page 480 Hymnal

***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.*

RECEPTION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Comfort Ye”

Handel
Doug Sonderfan, Solo

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5 (p. 489 OT)
Romans 13:11-14 (p. 124 NT)

MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

*MOMENT OF FELLOWSHIP

*HYMN #150

“Hark, What a Sound”

SERMON

“Advent: HOPE”

Our Response to God

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

Page 12 Hymnal

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(silent)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Meaning of the Sacrament

Invitation

*Hymn #148

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Communion Prayer

Communion

(Please retain the elements until all have been served.

Cups on the outside ring contain wine)

Communion Anthems

“Keep Hope Alive”

“Communion Hymn”

Communion Thanksgiving Responsive Reading #25 p. 495

*CLOSING HYMN #368

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

“Keep Hope Alive”

*POSTLUDE

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Heidi Wilson

Ushers: Aaron & Shawna Guikema, Pete & Barbara Nickel

Nursery:

Fellowship: Jane & Jeff DeWitt

Next week's stewards (**December 8**):

Greeters:

Ushers: Bill & Sabra Leadbitter, Mike & Mandy Shafer

Nursery: Andy & Katharine Hoyt

Fellowship: John & Sandi Tarrant

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

We are happy to have Jennifer Legg sharing in the worship service this morning. There is a new signup sheet in the narthex for Worship Assistants for the coming several months. Be sure to sign up today before all the best dates are gone!

EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. at Travinia Italian Kitchen, 1301 Market Center Dr., Park West Village in Morrisville. Bring a small gift (under \$10) if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. The signup sheet is in the Narthex.

SOUP, SANDWICH AND SCRIPTURE

Back by popular demand, this Advent study will be on Thursday beginning December 5. We will meet at noon and try to finish close to 1. Pastor Chuck will provide the soup; you can provide your own sandwich if you'd like; and we'll all discuss the Scripture together. This year we will look at the characters who fill "supporting roles" in the story of Jesus' birth. If you are interested in this study, see Pastor Chuck and he will provide you with the readings for the first week.

DORCAS MINISTRIES

Dorcas Ministries is hosting a week-long Job Training Workshop presented by Step Up Ministry. Dec. 2nd to 6th, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Dorcas Training Center at 187 High House Road, Cary Plaza. Learn everything you need to know to find a job: Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills, Networking, Tips for Jobs Searching **PLUS:** Free Breakfast and Lunch Daily, Free Interview Suit and Job Placement Service. Call to Register 919-781-0156