

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014

Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiessner, Pastor

Dr. Lonieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Approach to God

PRELUDE

“Arm, Arm Ye Brave”

Taurian Parham, Baritone

G. F. Handel

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Praise Him”

Chancel Choir

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 #151**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

***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 *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* Hand Bell Choir

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The Word of God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 64 (Page 538 Old Testament)

***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 *“Love Bade Me Welcome”* – R.V. Williams

“We Remember You” – K. Dearman

Communion Thanksgiving **Responsive Reading #25** p. 495

***CLOSING HYMN #368** *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

***BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE** [seated]

“My Good Lord Done Been Here” H. Johnson

***POSTLUDE**

*The congregation may stand.

TODAY'S STEWARDS

Greeter: Eleanor Clark

Ushers: John & Sandi Torrant

Nursery: Bill & Julie Anne Thompson

Fellowship: Snacks in the Narthex

Next week's stewards (December 7):

Greeter: Eleanor Clark

Ushers: Pete & Barbara Nickel

Nursery: Nancy Dey & Barbara Nickel

Fellowship:

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

We are happy to have Jennifer Legg sharing in the worship service this morning. There is a 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!

WELCOME

Taurian Parham is a graduating senior at Shaw University. He performs regularly with the choir, has made cameo appearances with the N C Opera, serves as Minister of Music at his church in Zebulon, and has provided music here for a recent memorial service. His vocal teacher is Dr. Nakita Shah Pace.

EMPTY NESTERS

Plan to join the Empty Nesters for their monthly dinner outing this Tuesday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. at O'Charley's in Cary. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. No gift exchange.

SOUP, SANDWICH AND SCRIPTURE

We will have our traditional (we have done it more than twice, so it must be traditional) Soup, Sandwich and Scripture study during Advent. We will meet at noon on Wednesdays beginning Dec. 3. Pastor chuck provides the soup. You provide a sandwich if you want one. And together we will study some passages to prepare us for Christmas.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Next Sunday, December 7, we will have a short congregational meeting after the service for the purpose of electing Consistory members.

FOOD PANTRY

The following items are in severe shortage at the food pantry at the present time: applesauce, fruit cocktail, canned potatoes, canned mixed vegetables, beverages, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce & noodles, flour, sugar, baking mixes, personal hygiene items, paper products, diapers & cleaning products. Thanks for your help.