

First Reformed Church of Cary

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

Rev. George Van Arnam, Minister

Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director

The Gathering

Prelude Hand Bell Ensemble

Congregational Concerns

Votum

Introit "While We Are Waiting, Come" Chancel Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Approach to God

*Invitation to Worship

Look! Love and truth have met in this place.

Righteousness and peace have kissed in our midst.

Listen! God is speaking words of hope.

Christ is calling us into God's flock.

See, the glory of God shines all around us.

The love of Christ flows through our lives.

Come, let us worship.

*Opening Prayer

Shepherding God, you call us to live in your presence. Comfort our troubled minds, give us your rest, and strengthen our weary bodies. Guide us through this season of anticipation and hope, that we might lift our voices in laughter and song. Make our paths straight, that we might move boldly forward as we prepare for your arrival. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise #147 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Guiding God, we look to your direction but we often glance away.

You proclaim that faithful love and truth have met, but we cannot see them.

You proclaim that righteousness and peace have joined, but we scarcely believe it. Forgive our jaded hearts and correct our wandering ways.

Breathe your grace into our lives and give us confidence to declare "peace on earth, goodwill to all." Amen.

Silent Confession

Unison Words of Assurance

In Christ we are made new in every grace needed to restore us and make us whole.

In Christ we are forgiven and made blameless before God.

We give thanks for this glorious gift and raise our voices in praise.

*Gloria Patri #546

"Glory Be to the Father"

The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Psalm 85: 4-13

*Hymn #148 *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

Scripture Mark 13:28-37

Sermon *"Don't Just Do Something, Sit There"*

Our Response to God

*Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed (Page 12 Hymnal)

We are and will continue to be a community that loves and worships God in the Reformed tradition for the purpose of actively caring for those in need around us.

Reception of Gifts & Offerings

Ministry of Music *"The Advent of Our King"* Chancel Choir

***Doxology #544** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

***Offertory Prayer**

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn #146** *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

***Benediction** *"While We Are Waiting, Come"*

***Postlude**

*Those that are able please stand

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