

Welcome to Worship at
Safe Harbor
Presbyterian Church



1st Sunday of Advent
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
December 2nd, 2018

The Gathering

†Call to Worship : (from Isaiah 2)

Leader: Hear the invitation of the prophet Isaiah:

People: Come, let us go up to God's holy mountain,

Leader: that we may learn to walk in all God's ways.

People: For God shall judge between nations,

Leader: and shall decide for many peoples,

People: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

Leader: and their spears into pruning hooks.

People: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

Leader: neither shall they learn war anymore.

People: Let us come before God and learn God's ways of peace.

ALL: Let us Worship God!

†**Prayer of Awakening for Advent: (unison)** Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen.

†**Hymn of Praise: #93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"**

Prayer of Confession (Unison): We confess to you, O God, that we do not take seriously your daily coming into our lives. We do not notice the ways you enter into our lives and world. We act as if we do not believe that your salvation and wholeness is near. We do not act with love, even to those closest to us. We do not act for justice and peace, even though we claim to want it. We do not bend the swords, even of our tongues toward love and community.

(Please take a moment for silent personal prayers of confession.)

Forgive us, God of a thousand chances. Mend us that we may greet you anew each day and prepare to remember your mighty coming on Christmas day.

In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

†The Sharing of the Peace

Moments with Children

†=If able, please stand

The Lighting of the Advent Candles and Preparation of the Cradle

Reader 1: This is the first Sunday in Advent, the time of preparing for the coming of Christ our Savior. Today our word is *wait*. God does not come at our command. We wait on God, scripture says. Advent is a time to wait, to wonder what God has in store for us.

Reader 2: (Isaiah 64:1-4)

Reader 1: As we light the first Advent candle, we wait—we wait for God’s new age; we wait for Christ to be reborn in our hearts; we wait for our prayers to be answered.

Reader 2: Let us pray together. Christ, you know how hard it is for us to wait. We want everything right now. Help us to use our time well as we wait for Christ. Amen.

Hymn #188 “Jesus Loves Me” verse 1

The Word

Special Music

Hymn of Preparation for the Word: #452 “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: “Waiting for the Day”

The Rev. Eugenia A. Gamble

Hymn of Response #100 “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offering

Invitation to the Table

Call to the Table: #501 “Feed Us, Lord”

The Great Thanksgiving

Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

The Sending

†Hymn of Parting: 88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

† Charge and Benediction

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Welcome

We are so delighted that you have worshipped with us today! If you are a guest, we are doubly blessed by your presence. We will pray for you this week. Please stay for a moment for refreshments so that we can get to know you.

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Caroline Johnson

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Patti and Donovan Ropp

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Michelle Costa and Jeff Rodriguez

Don't forget Tuesday evening Dinner Fellowship at 5:45.

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