

December 6, 2017

Midweek Advent Service 1

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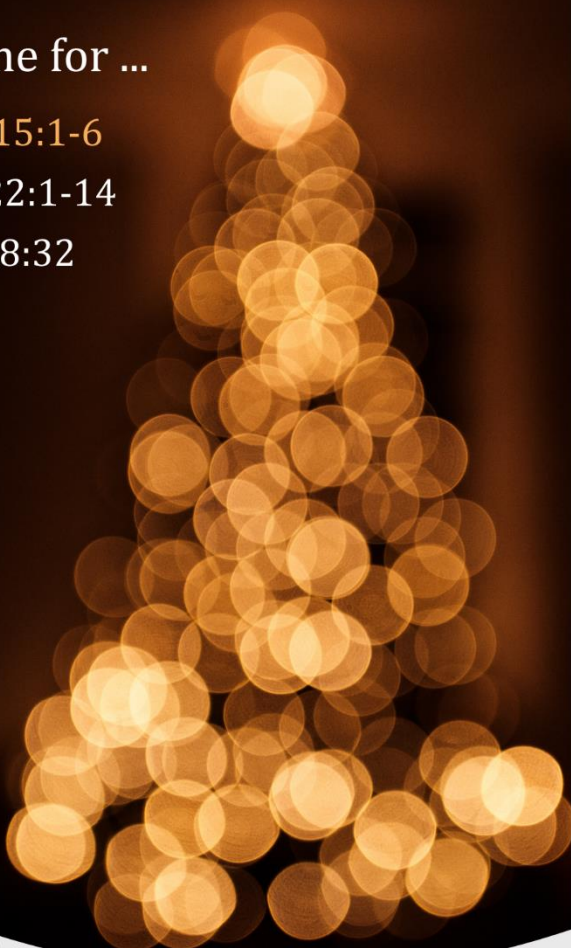
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Advent: A Time for ...

FAITH - Genesis 15:1-6

HOPE - Genesis 22:1-14

LOVE - Genesis 18:32



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✠ Order of Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #75

“Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken”

P O Lord, open my lips.



C And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

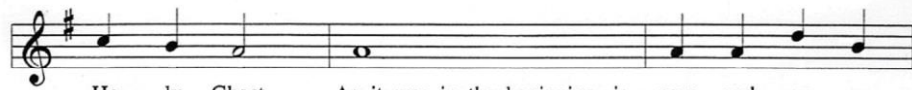
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



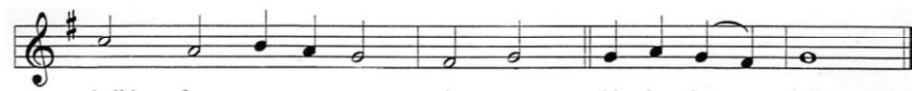
C Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



shall be: for - ev - er-more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Selections from Psalm 24

P The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,

C the world and those who dwell therein,

P for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

C Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

P He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

- C** He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- P** Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Reading of the Advent History of Our Lord

Luke 1:5-17

RESPONSE: TLH #85:13,15 “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”

13. Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child, Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be A quiet chamber kept for Thee.
15. Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto us His Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

Reading of the Advent History of Our Lord

Luke 1:18-25

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Brief Statement: Of Faith in Christ

The Brief Statement was written in 1932 to serve as a summary of our doctrinal positions according to Scripture.

Since God has reconciled the whole world unto Himself through the vicarious life and death of His Son and has commanded that the reconciliation effected by Christ be proclaimed to men in the Gospel, to the end that they may believe it, therefore faith in Christ is the only way for men to obtain personal reconciliation with God, that is, forgiveness of sins, as both the Old and the New Testament Scriptures testify. By this faith in Christ, through which men obtain the forgiveness of sins, is not meant any human effort to fulfill the Law of God after the example of Christ, but faith in the Gospel, that is, in the forgiveness of sins, or justification, which was fully earned for us by Christ and is offered by the Gospel. This faith justifies, not inasmuch as it is a work of man, but inasmuch as it lays hold of the grace offered, the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn: TLH #62

“Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel”

