

GILEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

November 29, 2020; 1st Sunday in Advent, Year B

WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

"O Come, O Come Emanuel"
Piano

By Martha Mier

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

People: Advent means coming.

Leader: We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares.

People: Their spears shall become pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

BLUE HYMNAL #2

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

- 1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.**
- 2. Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do. We do not see strangers, or even our neighbors, families, and friends as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. Amen. SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE OFFERING

THE GLORIA

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 64:1-4

¹ O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- ² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴ From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:24-31

²⁴ "But in those days, after that time of suffering, when the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken— ²⁶ Then they will see 'the Promised One coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then the angels will be sent out to gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the Promised One is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Only Begotten, but only Abba God. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like an owner going on a journey, who leaves home and puts the workers in charge, each with a certain job, and the doorkeeper is commanded to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake--for you do not know when the owner of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ Do not let the owner come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ What I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

SERMON

"Stay Awake"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

WE SEAL THE WORD

MEDITATION

"Of The Father's Love Begotten"

Plainsong 13th Century

WE BEAR THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLUE HYMNAL #22 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

- 1. Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!**
- 4. All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising To the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!**

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

"Comfort, Comfort You My People"

Genevan Psalter, 1551

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Please contact Margery Amato or Pastor Martin if you would be interested in a Christmas poinsettia this year.
- ▶ Email us a small photo of your family! We would like to decorate our 2020 Christmas tree with our Gilead family members.
- ▶ If you would like a hymnal to use at home for our streaming worship, please contact Pastor Martin.

† We accept offerings through the “Online Giving” link on our website, www.gileadchurch.org, or mail checks made out to Gilead Presbyterian Church, 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512. Or give elsewhere if you see a need. In doing so, we brighten the world, and brighten our hearts.

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