



CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT IVY

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FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT: NOV 29

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT:

"Some waiting is passive. But there is also active waiting. A girl who stands on a street corner waiting for the bus to arrive will experience one kind of waiting, a passive waiting. That same girl on the same corner hearing the sound of a parade that is just out of sight will also wait, but it will be a different kind of waiting, full of expectation, a waiting on tiptoe, an active waiting." -Pastor Martin B. Copenhagen

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Awake, people of God, and stay alert for Christ's coming.

Make Your way known to us, O God.

We are all God's people; no one is excluded.

Show us once more your delightful presence.

Let us come together as God's family for worship and prayer.

Let the nations tremble in awe and reverence.

Praise the One who grants us the gift of life.

We give thanks for God's continued faithfulness.

Heaven and earth will pass away,

But the Word of God is true for all times and places!

HYMN: #202 "People Look East"

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:

Love the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.

Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sings today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

One: Today we begin the season of Advent by lighting the first of five candles in our Advent wreath. From ancient and modern prophets, we hear the coming

of a Savior. Sometimes prophetic words are hard to believe. We are uncertain of their truth. We must wait and be patient. In honor of all the prophets, we light this candle.

All: Dear God of the Prophets, give us this day the prophetic word of hope, that in the moments of despair we might look to you for comfort. We give you thanks for all the prophets past and present. Amen.

HYMN #2090 "LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE" V.1

Light the Advent candle, one:

Now the waiting has begun; we have started on our way, Time to think of Christmas day.

Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;

Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

PRAYER CONCERNS/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 trespasses as we

forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the Glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Allison Lehn

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Mark 13:24-37

HYMN: #257 "We Meet You, O Christ"

We meet you, O Christ, in many a guise.
Your image we see in simple and wise.
You live in a palace, exist in a shack.
We see you, the gardener, a tree on your back.

In millions alive, away, and abroad.
Involved in our life, you live down the road.
Imprisoned in systems, you long to be free.
We see you, Lord Jesus, still bearing your tree.

We hear you, O man, in agony cry.
For freedom you march, in riots you die.
Your face in the papers we read, and we see.
The tree must be planted by human decree.

You choose to be made at one with the earth.
The dark of the grave prepares for your birth.
Your death is your rising, creative your word.
The tree springs to life and our hope is restore.

MESSAGE: *The End of the World as We Know It*

OFFERING:

SHARING IN THE GIFTS OF COMMUNION

INVITATION:

Christ our Lord invites us all to his table...

CONFESSION & PARDON:

Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: *Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

People: *In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

All: Glory to God! Amen!

GREAT THANKSGIVING & PRAYER

RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GRACE

HYMN #206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

BENEDICTION

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SONG

#204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel."

With Love, Pastor Dani