White Rock Lutheran Church Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 19, 2021

Pastor Roland Syens Pianist: Martin

Opening Hymn The Advent of Our King 331

Confession and Forgiveness

Thoughts on the Stable

Blessing at the Advent Wreath

Advent Hymn Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

Advent Hymn Come, Jesus, Holy Child, to Me

Prayer of the Day

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Lessons Reader: Eric

Old Testament Micah 5:2-5a

Epistle Hebrews 10:5-10

Holy Gospel Luke 1:39-56

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Advent Prayer

Prayer of the Church

Prayer over the Gifts

Benediction

Closing Hymn All Earth is Hopeful

AS WE GATHER

Images of Advent

Advent is the beginning of the Church Year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (December 24).

The focus of the entire season of Advent, which means "coming" or "arrival," is the celebration of the birth of Jesus in His first Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ in His Second Advent. Thus, it not only marks a 2,000-year-old event in History, but also celebrates the revelation of God in Christ through which all of creation might be reconciled to God. Scripture readings for Advent reflect this emphasis on the Second Advent, while including themes of accountability for faithfulness at His coming, judgment on sin, and the hope of eternal life.

As we gather today, we look to God for the peace and light that will strengthen our hearts as we await the return of Christ.

Because Jesus has come among us with the might of His mercy, we, who are wearied by the changes and chances of this passing world, may rest in His changeless PEACE.

1. First Sunday after Christmas - December 26, 2021 @ 10:30

Pastor Roland Syens

Psalm 111; Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40

- 2. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24 @ 4:00 PM
- 3. There will be NO Christmas Day Service

We hope you have enjoyed worshiping with us today. We welcome you to join us each Sunday. If we can be of help, please call Pastor Leonardo Neitzel; Pastor Roland Syens.

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