

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

November 29, 2015

10:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.  
Please silence all electronic devices as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*Wachet auf!*

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

**INTROIT**

Richard Alexander  
(b. 1946)

I look from afar, and lo, I see the power of God coming  
and a cloud covering the whole earth.  
Go ye out to meet him and say:  
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?  
High and low, rich and poor, one with another:  
Go ye out to meet him and say:  
Hear thou, O shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.  
Tell us, art thou he that should come?  
Stir up thy strength O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

Katie, Dan, Charlotte and Caleb Foster

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**\*HYMN 17**

*"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us*

WACHET AUF

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, who has chosen earth as the cradle; deepen our sorrow for the evil we have done to one another and forgive us for what we have neglected in the need of our neighbor and stranger. Move us in these hastening days to an honest repentance. Remove from within us the comfortable lies and the arrogance by which we have prevented the world's peace and hoarded creation's abundance. Then turn our hearts towards Bethlehem and the babe born in a manger.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**KYRIE ELEISON**

Richard Proulx  
(1937-2010)

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison. Each staff is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'Assembly'. The first staff has the lyrics 'Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.' The second staff has 'Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.' The third staff has 'Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.' The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and various musical symbols like notes, rests, and slurs.

**PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL**

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**\*GLORIA PATRI**

REGENT SQUARE  
(Hymn 417)

Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory,  
While unending ages run.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh upon our ears, upon our hearts, upon the very center of our living worship. Pry us open anew that we may hear you as for the first time, that your Word might move within us, that your love might take hold of us, that we might bear witness to what we have seen and heard, that we might again hear your call. Amen

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

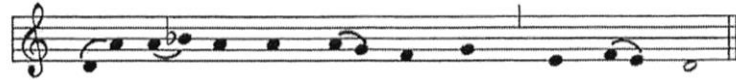
Jeremiah 33:10-11, 14-16 (p. 738)

**PSALTER**

Psalm 25:3-9

PLAINSONG

**Choir: Antiphon**



Lead me in your truth, O LORD, and teach me.

**Congregation: Antiphon**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.  
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.  
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love, and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.  
Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.  
He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.  
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Congregation: Antiphon**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Luke 21:25-36 (p. 85)

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**HYMN (seated)**

*During the organ introduction, children through fifth grade  
may process to the Chapel to meet for the Gathering.*

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way,  
Through this and every coming day,  
That in your Spirit strong and true,  
Our lives may be our gift to you.

TALLIS’ CANON

**SERMON**

“A Promise”

Mr. Russo

*“The days are surely coming says the Lord,  
when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah”*

*Jeremiah 33:14*

**\*HYMN 2**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

**PRAYERS**

Minister: The Lord be with you,  
**People: And with your spirit.**  
Minister: Let us pray. O Lord show thy mercy upon us,  
**People: And grant us thy salvation.**  
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,  
**People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*Prayers concluding with 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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Thomas Juneau  
(b. 1977)

Virga Jesse floruit: *The branch from Jesse blooms:*  
Virgo Deum et hominem genuit: *a Virgin brings forth God and man:*  
pacem Deus reddidit, *God restores peace,*  
in se reconcilians ima summis. *reconciling in himself the lowest with the highest.*  
Alleluja. *Alleluia.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*HYMN 20**

*Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

ABERYSTWYTH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Wachet auf!*

Max Reger  
(1873-1916)

\*Congregation standing

\*\*\*Seating interval

**LEADING WORSHIP:** Brian Russo, Director of Youth and Senior Adults; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate Minister for Christian Education; Ken Lovett, Organist/Associate Director of Music; Karen Bachman, Seminarian; Robert Lord Galloway, Seminarian; and Gallery Choir.

**GREETERS:** Elders: Daniel Pretz and Kevin Raphael; Deacons: Conroy and Patricia Anderson.

**USHERS:** Michael Baughman, Team #2 Leader; Jim Burns; Jason Jones; Marcia Jones; Barbara Olson; and Barbara Rubin.

**FLOWER ARRANGERS:** Mari Bernhagen and Grace Stewart.

**DEACON HOSPITALITY HOSTS:** Conroy and Patricia Anderson.

**TUESDAY COUNTERS:** Dick and Nancy Hassold.

*Flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of Daniel Frances Carluccio and Edward McQuillen DeCaro by Roy and Allison DeCaro.*