

DUBLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Managing Un-Expectations



“Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at any unexpected hour.”
Matthew 24:44

First Sunday in Advent

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

December 3, 2017

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“Sheep May Safely Graze”
Ahnika Dauer, Piano

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Minister: God is good
Minister: And all the time

***People:* All the time.**
***People:* God is good!**

ADVENT WREATH-THE CANDLE OF EXPECTATION

Liturgist: It was Jesus Christ himself that told us to be ready at any time. So, today we remember that call. The call to look for God in unexpected places, at unexpected times. And even though we wait, we can expect Our Savior to show. This morning, we light the Candle of Expectation. *(light the first candle)*

***People:* Let this fire remind us that while we wait for the Lord, truly the Lord is already here. Hope is here. Love is here. Family is here. GOD is here!**

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

“Light the Advent Candle”

***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.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: People of God, open your eyes! Look around!

***People:* The presence of our Lord Jesus Christ is here—among us and within us.**

Liturgist: God's salvation is close at hand—nearer than you know.

***People:* So open your hearts and minds to the Spirit, and let's worship God together!**

*OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

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(*Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist: As we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child that the prophets of old declared, let us confess our sins to God, sharing before one another...

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Child brings water up front and pours it into the font.)

People: Gracious and loving God, you call us to watch and be prepared for your coming, yet we are distracted by menial things. You call us to seek you first and we so willingly turn our attention to things that do not really matter. Forgive us and make your presence known to us as we prepare to welcome the coming of Jesus Christ our King and Savior, Emmanuel, **GOD WITH US.**

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

(Lifting water from the font or motioning toward it)

Minister: The prophets of old have declared, “I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God. For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robes of righteousness. Friends, believe the good news:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

SUNG RESPONSE

“Emmanuel”

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel:
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.***

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: Since God has forgiven us through Jesus Christ our Lord, let us forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.** (*Passing of the peace.*)

ANTHEM

“Promises of Isaiah” from Allis Well

arr. Michael Barrett

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MOMENT

Reverend Eastman Hinkle

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

People: Gracious Lord God, open our eyes, our ears, our minds and our hearts as hear your **WORD.** Make us ready as we eagerly await your coming again. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

(Pew Bible, O.T., p.631)

2:1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2:2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 2:3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may

walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 2:4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 2:5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 24:36-44

(Pew Bible, N.T., p.27)

³⁶“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

SERMON

“Managing Un-Expectations”

Reverend Jennifer Eastman Hinkle

HYMN

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

#347, vs. 1-3

CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH/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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

RESPONDING TO GOD

OFFERING

Call to Offering

Offertory Music

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

arr. Michael A. Johnson

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GOING IN GOD’S NAME

†*CLOSING HYMN

“People Look East”

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“And the Glory of the Lord”

G.F.Handel arr. Lani Smith

Please stay to enjoy a time of fellowship following the service of worship.