December 3rd, 2023 10:30 a.m. DIGITAL BULLETIN

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**The First Sunday of Advent**

PRELUDE “Wachet Auf” Nicholai/Bach

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Dave

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE Everybody

ADVENT CALL TO WORSHIP (sung to SLANE)

**We light one candle, as Advent we start,**

**hoping this season some grace will impart;**

**patiently waiting the day of the Lord,**

**hoping for justice, and kindness restored.**

**Advent is time for reflection on life, for**

**righting of wrongs and for healing of strife,**

**brothers and sisters, united by love,**

**seeking the wholeness that comes from above.**

HYMN # 196 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

**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.**

**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.**

A TIME FOR THE CHILD IN ALL OF US (10:30) Pastor Dave

OUR LORD’S PRAYER

GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37 Liturgist

MUSICAL INSPIRATION “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”

HOMILY “Restless” Pastor Dave

OFFERTORY

ADVENT DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,**

**praise God, all creatures here on earth below;**

**praise God above, ye heavenly host,**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING IN SONG! Everyone

**THE PREFACE** *(sung responsively to Adeste Fidelis)*

The Lord be with you, **and with you, his servant.**

Come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

**With hearts uplifted, thanks to him we render.**

**With joy we come before him,**

**with thankful hearts adore him,**

**with thankful hearts adore him, evermore!**

**THE SANCTUS** *(sung to “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing”)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, by all adored!**

**Heaven and earth cannot contain all the glory of your name!**

**Hail, hosanna, God most high,**

**blest are we who now draw nigh,**

**In the name of God the King, Halleluiahs glad we sing!**

**Hail, hosanna, praises due be forever, Lord, to you!**

OUR LORD’S PRAYER *(sung to “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”)*

**Our Father, Lord, on heavens high throne,**

**most holy be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth, in heaven the same.**

**Give us this day the food we need, forgiven may we be;**

**into temptation do not lead, from evil set us free!**

**Yours is the kingdom, unto you in grateful love we bow,**

**and yours the power Lord, let us view**

**your mighty presence now.**

**The glory yours, your praise be sung by angel hosts and men;**

**in every land, by every tongue, forevermore, Amen!**

WE RECEIVE THE FEAST *(We will come forward today for the bread and the juice…please kneel or stand to receive. If you cannot come forward, please alert an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.)*

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE Pastor Dave

HYMN # 718 “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,**

**once for favored sinners slain;  
thousand, thousand saints attending**

**swell the triumph of his train.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**God appears on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,**

**pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,**

**shall the true Messiah see.**

**The dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears;  
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;  
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture,  
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thy eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory,**

**claim the kingdom for thine own.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Everlasting God, come down!**

BLESSING *Dear Lord, we await your arrival among us again, our Redeemer, our Prince of Peace. This Advent time, fill us with deep and abiding peace, and help us share that peace with everyone we meet, and especially those who need it the most. Amen!*

POSTLUDE