

# **November 28, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

## **Prelude**

## **Ringing of the Bell**

**Opening Hymn** (Instrumental) - NCH 35 - "O Mighty God..." - This iconic hymn is appropriate to kick off Advent!"

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Look up, all people, for the realm of God is near; gather with the saints to praise our Creator.

Congregation: We rejoice in the promise of salvation as we give thanks for God's steadfast love.

Liturgist: The gifts of God are for all generations and for people in every walk of life.

Congregation: In humble obedience we accept our blessings and embrace God's call to responsibility.

Liturgist: Surely God is faithful to the covenant and eager to instruct us in the ways of peace.

Congregation: We will watch and pray and be ready to act. Let us hear what God has in store for us.

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle – Brigitta, Briann and Nate Brickl**

**Hymn** (Instrumental) - NCH 345 - "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" - Part of this French carol's text says (As the Light of light descending from the realms of endless day, That the powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away."

## **Confession of Sin**

All-embracing God, we marvel at your attention to our individual needs. You know the cares that weigh us down and the snares that captivate us. Grant us strength to escape the evil around us and to turn away from the wrong that we originate or allow. We confess that we have missed the signs of your presence as the earth's foundations shake. Our vision is narrow and uninspired. Intervene to save us and all your children. Amen.

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

## **Gloria Patri** (Instrumental)

**Old Testament Lesson** – Jeremiah 33:14-16 – Jeremiah proclaims a message of judgment to those in exile. In the midst of this proclamation, while he himself is being confined in the court, Jeremiah delivers words of hope. The phrase "The days are surely coming" is repeated five times in chapters 30-33, pointing to the days when Israel will no longer be in exile

**Hymn of Praise** (Video) – The Thrill of Hope – Advent Hymn" by Christy Nockels

## **Children's Sermon**

**Epistle Lesson** – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 – This letter to the Thessalonian church is a letter of encouragement and thanksgiving for their faithfulness. Paul commends them as examples and expresses his joy for their steadfastness in the midst of his own suffering.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Offering**

**Offertory** - NCH 103 - This hymn is a dialogue between watch and traveler and speaks of the "promised day of Israel!" Our offertory is an instrumental rendition of "Watcher, Tell Us of the Night."

**Gospel Lesson** – Luke 21:25-36 – This passage focuses on Jesus' prophetic word about the destruction of Jerusalem, and the tumultuous times that will occur prior to it. Although we read images of doom, of heavens being shaken, and of waves roaring, the Son of Man prevails.

## **Sermon**

**Closing Hymn** (Instrumental) - NCH 609 - "Now Is the Time Approaching" -

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**