



## 1st Sunday of Advent

Color: Blue (symbolizing Peace)

**The United Methodist Church of Chugiak**

Pastor: Rev. David Hall

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

10:15 am Worship Service

December 1, 2019

*As you are seated, please remember to fill out the attendance pad and pass it along the pew.*

\* - Indicates those who are able may stand

**Bold – Everyone speaks**

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal (blue hardcover)

FWS – The Faith We Sing Hymnal (black paperback)

WAS – Worship and Song (green paperback)

### Greetings and Announcements

**Prelude**

Terri Schimmack

**Prayer of Safety**

Jessica Prophitt

As we light this lamp, we pray for the safety of all who are in harm's way this day and especially for all those in the midst of conflict.

**Grant us peace, grant them peace, grant the world peace, in the name of Your Son. Amen.**

**\*Gathering Song**

FWS #2236

"Gather Us In"

**Gathering in God's Name**

**Lighting the Advent Candle—Peace**

UMH #211

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (v. 1, 2, and 4)

## **\*Call to Worship**

One: A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders.

**Many: He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.**

One: There will be vast authority and endless peace for David's throne and for his kingdom,

**Many: establishing and sustaining it with justice and righteousness now and forever.**

One: Christ is coming!

**Many: Christ is coming!**

- *Isaiah 9:6-7*

## **Call to Confession**

In this period of increasing darkness we crave light, yet we often prevent ourselves from realizing that what we long for is readily available to us. Together, let us confess those things in our hearts and lives that dim the light of Christ from the fullness in which it has been given unto us.

## **Prayer of Confession**

**We confess, Gracious God, that we have not always turned to you for guidance. At times, we have allowed the world's time to dominate your time. Forgive us for our sins of hurriedness and impatience. Forgive us when we have slumbered instead of remaining alert, waiting and watching for you. Forgive us for allowing the world's fears to become our fears. Shine upon us this Advent season so that we may be restored unto you. Guide us into your time. As we call upon your name, hear our prayers and give us life. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## **Moment of Stillness and Reflection**

## **Words of Assurance**

One: The light of God's love shines brightly! The invitation is given:  
Come, walk in the light.

**Many: Praise the Lord, and bless God's holy name forever.**

## **Call to Prayer**

**When, O God, will the day of peace come? When will the nations stream to your holy mountain and beat their swords into plowshares? When will the long night of war and hatred, give way to the dawn of love, righteousness, and joy? We are ready for the dawn, O God. Shine your light into our world, mighty One of**

**peace. Illuminate the path, and give us the wisdom and courage to follow your light.**

**We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Brief prayers may be shared by people in the congregation.*

*If it is a prayer request, the Pastor will end the prayer by saying,  
"God, to your love..."*

*If it is a praise, the Pastor will say, "God, in thanksgiving..."*

*Then the people shall respond each time by saying:*

**“...we trust this prayer.”**

# Pastoral Prayer

## 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Praise and Preparation**    "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown"    **Choir**

## **First Reading from the Word** Galatians 6:1-10

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## ***Proclamation of God's Word***

## **\*Prayer of Illumination**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we  
may hear with joy what you said to us today. Amen.**

## **\*Gospel Reading**

Matthew 20:1-16

## **Especially for Children**

FWS #2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

## **The Message**

*Living in God's Economy*

Rev. David Hall

## **Responding to God's Word**

### **Response in Praise and Offering**

UMH #97

"For the Fruits of This Creation"

*(All loose change goes to Anchorage Gospel Mission)*

*If you are visiting for the first time, your presence is gift enough. We would love to see you again next Sunday!*

### **\*Presentation of the Gifts**

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

### **Service of Holy Communion\*\***

UMH #13

### **\*Hymn of Reflection**

UMH #196

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

### **\*Taking Christ's Light into the World**

Extinguishing the altar candles

### **\*Charge and Blessing**

One: God is of our past, our present, and our future. Emmanuel! God is with us! Go, carrying the presence and peace of Christ into the world, shining light in the darkness.

**Many: Amen**

### **\*Benediction (Beam Song)**

### **\*Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of God go with you.

**And also with you.**

### **\*\*Communion Note**

We also have a separate gluten-free bread and chalice available for those who cannot have gluten. Please ask the servers for "gluten-free".