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November 27, 2022 10:00 A.M.
1st Sunday in Advent: Hope



WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

(* Please stand as able, where asterisk shown)

Prelude: Come, Saviour of the Gentiles R.A. Beckett
Come praise, together, all ye Christians J.G. Walther

* Entry of the Bible

* Hymn (unannounced) 109 "All earth is waiting"

Welcome and Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship:

L: It doesn't matter whether or not you can have faith;
whether or not you are cynical or despairing,
hope-filled or hope-less: what matters to God is simply that you are
here.

**P: We are entering the time of Advent, in preparation for Christmas.
Advent reminds us that if God is to be born again in the most
ordinary parts of our world and our lives that we need prepare
for it.**

We need to make the space in our lives where love might be born.

L: Welcome to this tiny corner of a harsh and dark world.
Together, let us practice being ready in the faith that Christ will come.

Prayer of Approach and the Lord's Prayer
Assurance of Forgiveness

Advent Candle Lighting Liturgy – The candle of Hope (see insert)
-Linda Bodkin, Cathie Trickey

* Hymn 119 (vs. 1) "Hope is a star"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

(* please stand for responsive reading)

The Scriptures:

Old Testament: Isaiah 2: 1-5 (p. 631)

* Responsive Psalm: 122 (p. 571/572) -Cathie Trickey

* *Gloria Patri:* "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"

Solo: Whence is that goodly fragrance flowing? Healey Willan
Sarah McQueen, soloist

The Scriptures:

Christian Scripture: Romans 13: 11-14 (p. 162)

Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44 (p. 27/28) -Cathie Trickey

* Hymn 84 "I joyed when to the house of God"

Sermon: "What Time is it?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 124 "People in darkness"

Thought for the Day

Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE GOD

* Hymn 307 "God of the sparrow, God of the whale"

* Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude: Awake! The voice is calling J.G. Walther



Welcome to Central! We are so glad that you've joined us this morning. We hope that together we will find the joy and peace of Christian community. We also welcome those that have joined us remotely via Zoom.

Ushers: Linda Bodkin & Cathie Trickey

Scripture Reader: Cathie Trickey

Advent Insert Readers: Linda Bodkin & Cathie Trickey

Soloist: Sarah McQueen

Zoom Camera: Bruce Trickey

Zoom Host: Carolyn Stratford

Coffee Host: Ruth Cripps

Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids for Mexico – The McKay's are looking for eye glasses and hearing aids to take to a Seniors Home in Mexico. Please deposit them in the box in the church narthex. Muchas Gracias!

WOMEN'S FEDERATION EXECUTIVE MEETING - The next Federation Executive Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th at 10:30 a.m. meeting in person in the hall. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please let Alison Moir know and forward your report, if you have one, and give her a report, if you have one, by December 5th at: moiralison1@gmail.com

Christmas Eve Service – A Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols with special music, artists and soloists on **December 24th** at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Come and celebrate the Incarnation of our Lord.

Christmas gift bags for the Blessing Centre - Again this year, the Board of the Blessing Centre is collecting various items for Christmas gift bags to be distributed to the clients in December. They are asking the various church partners to help. At Central, we will be collecting toiletry items such as *wash cloths, soap, tooth paste, deodorant, tooth brushes, combs, and hairbrushes*. There will be a collection box for these items in the Narthex. Please help by picking up a few items during your weekly shopping and bringing them to church any Sunday in November - **November 6, 13th, 20th or 27th**. Our donations will be dropped off to the Blessing Centre by **November 30th**.

MONDAY, NOV. 28

11:30 A.M. – Session meet in hall **note time change**

TUESDAY, NOV. 29

6:00 P.M. - Sparks/Brownies in Kindergarten Room

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

6:00 P.M. – Cloggers in Kindergarten Room

Today; November 27th is the first Sunday in Advent, which marks the first Sunday in four Sundays of deep spiritual reflection, with increasing anticipation and hope, all culminating to Christmas Eve where we celebrate “Emmanuel; God with us! Please join us on our journey every Sunday to share in the promises and joy of this church season.

Reminder for Worship Committee – please meet in the kitchen after the service this morning for a quick meeting during coffee time.

Toonies for the Blessing Centre – Communion Sunday, December 4th, please bring your toonies that go to support Central's suppers at the Blessing Centre. If you are donating **bills or other coins** please put them in an envelope and mark it clearly for the Blessing Centre. Your donation will be credited to your annual givings if you include your envelope number or name.

December 4th is Food Bank Sunday - The Session has designated the 1st Sunday each month as *Food Bank Sunday*. Of course, food can also be put in the boxes in the Narthex on any Sunday. Thank you for supporting this Community Outreach!

Plan to join us for something special - On, **Sunday, December 4th**, we will be holding our Communion Service in the church hall rather than the sanctuary. This will be followed by a **“Roast Beef on a Bun”** luncheon in the hall. We will be starting at our regular time -**10:00 am**. We are hoping that you will plan to join us! Hosting this event in the hall allows for easy access rather than venturing up and down stairs. The costs are being covered by church funds, however, we do need to know how many people are planning to attend so we can order the food and set up tables and chairs. There will be a sign up chart in the narthex or you can leave a voicemail on the church phone **(519) 752-4932** and your name will be added to the list. You could also email your request to the church at centralpres97@gmail.com We would like to have a sense of how many people are attending by **Wednesday, November 30th**.

We are also looking for six volunteers to prepare salads to add to the meal and six volunteers to provide dessert. If you are interested in helping, you can indicate this on a section of the sign up chart or call the church office. If you need transportation to the church, please call the office with your request and we will have a volunteer pick you up.