



First Sunday of Advent

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

November 28, 2021 10:30 am Order of Worship

Prelude: *Elevation*, A. Guilmant

Dr. Larisa Soboleva, Music Director

Greeting

Call to Worship/Advent Candle Lighting

Worship Leader

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Isaiah 9:2

People: Christ is our light. By grace he came, in power he rose; we wait for Christ to come again. (Light the Candle of Hope)

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. Jeremiah 33:14-15

People: In those days and at that time God will cause a righteous Branch to spring up from David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Leader: Make known to us your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. Psalm 25:4-5

People: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long.

Opening Prayer

Worship Leader

O God, Holy Source of life and hope, as we come together this day, open our ears to hear, open our eyes to see, and open our hearts to love, that we may come to know your ways and follow your paths. Help us grow in love for one another, and for all creation, as we prepare for the coming of Christ, the one who calls us to turn from our false gods to you, Holy One, the true source of our salvation. Amen.

Hymn: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* #196 congregation sings if comfortable

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 12:23-24 Worship Leader

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: *Hope: Living In the Light of Eternity* Rev. Stephen K. Perrine

Offertory Music: *Andantino*, A. Guilmant

Doxology Hymnal #95 congregation sings if comfortable

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* #2100 FWS congregation sings if comfortable

Announcements

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude: *Prelude in G*, J. S Bach

Announcements

Advent Bible Study begins on Thursday, December 2 at 4:00 pm and runs for three weeks. *The Purpose of Christmas*, by Rev. Rick Warren, will be led by Rev. Steve Perrine in person and on Zoom. Request the link if you are joining online.

November Food Pantry shopping list: hot or cold cereal, cooking oil and soup. We would appreciate your help in restocking our shelves with any of these items, plus your paper shopping bags.

Perrine Christmas Open House Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 12:00 pm, luncheon in fellowship hall and Christmas caroling in lounge. Please indicate your attendance on the sign-up sheet.

Thursday, December 16, 2021 Cass Community UMC Christmas dinner. Meet at 10:30 am at church to carpool. 100 each of wrapped sugar-free candy, wrapped small candy canes and small items (not candy) needed. Volunteers will wear masks.

Sunday, December 19, 2021 6-7 pm Christmas Caroling outdoors at Hubbard Manor West, 22077 Beech Street. Come sing Christmas carols as we stroll around the apartment building near the church. Bring a mask for possible indoor singing.