



Service for the Lord's Day

December 2, 2018 11:00 a.m.

1st Sunday of Advent



New to Hunter? Here's some information to help you feel at home. Where you see asterisks in the bulletin, you're invited to stand. When we pass the peace, you're invited to greet those around you with a joyful sign of Christ's peace. All children are welcome to come forward for the sharing with young disciples. When we share our joys & concerns, feel free to join in. It is our usual custom to celebrate Communion by intinction, that is, by dipping a piece of bread into the cup in order to receive both elements of the sacrament simultaneously. We choose from a selection of several different kinds of bread (including gluten-free crackers) coming from various cultures in order to evoke the diversity of God's people, and our grape juice is non-alcoholic. We offer a nursery for newborns through 3-year-olds. Thank you for visiting Hunter. We're glad you're here! Before you leave, please place a welcome card in the offering plate.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Hunter Handbell Choir

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Psalm 25:4-5

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

*Hymn 93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

TRURO

*The Litany Continues

Psalm 25:6-11

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly.

All your paths, O Lord, are love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

For your name's sake, O Lord, forgive my sin, for it is great.

Prayer: **Covenant Friend, remember not our sins, but recall your compassion to your children. We turn to you for guidance and life, turn also to us and be gracious, that we may always follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

(moment for silent reflection)

Assurance of Grace

*Hymn 595

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (sing twice)

ARGENTINE SANTO

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Gathering Song

"While We Are Waiting, Come"
(hymn 92, verse 1)

WAITING (Cason)

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

Sharing with Young Disciples

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the New Testament

Luke 21:25-36

(N.T., p. 85)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading from the Psalms

Psalm 25



Lord, in your mer-cy hear my prayer; your good-ness nev-er fails.

Reading from the Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-16

(O.T., p. 738)

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

"Paths of Connection"

J. T. Silence

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Choral Anthem

"O come o come Emmanuel"

arr. Elliott Goodwin

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

"Twas In the Moon of Wintertime"

arr. David Cherwien

*Hymn 605

"Praise to God the Father"

DA N'ASE

*Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

The Prayer continues – Prayers of the People

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People by Intinction

The Lord's Prayer

Dedication of Pledges

*Hymn 357

"The Days Are Surely Coming"

LLANGLOFFAN

*Charge & Benediction

*Hymn 564

"Amen"

AMEN

Postlude

Depart in Peace

*Please stand as you are able.

Household Prayer: God of redeeming grace, you lead us in paths of righteousness and make your ways known through the birth of a child. We praise your goodness and rely on your wisdom. Accept the sounds of rejoicing we raise to you, and guide our hearing as we seek your instruction. Grant that we may not only worship you joyfully but also follow you faithfully all the days of our lives. Amen.

This Week at Hunter

12/5 Wednesday	Blessings in a Backpack 11:00a.m. (Glendover) Choir Practice 7:00p.m.
12/9 Sunday	Early Worship 8:45a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. Morning Worship 11:00a.m. Congregational Meeting 12:00p.m. Christmas Potluck Luncheon 12:15p.m.

Sunday Announcements

A warm welcome to all visitors. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

Prayer Requests:

Prayers for: Evelyn Evans, the family of Mary Carpenter, Kriis Zeps and the family of Donna Campbell, Patricia Laughlin, Becky Ginter, Jennifer Wheeling, Bob White, Doris Palmer, Pauline Tabb, Loretta Moffett, Midge Rishel, Ruth Beattie's parents, Ann Johnson (friend of Bob White & Annie Rhoten).

Throughout Advent you'll notice the decorations in the Sanctuary gradually changing. The Advent wreath in the front will guide us through the four Sundays before Christmas. On this first Sunday of Advent, the greenery in the windows symbolizes the righteous Branch from the line of David (Jeremiah 33:14-16), and you'll find the angel Gabriel bringing Mary the news of her part in the story (Luke 1:26-38).

The Hunter Advent Booklet will be available for your use during the Advent season. You may pick up your copy in the Narthex or in the hallway outside the Library.

A word from your Stewardship Committee: as we near the completion of our Stewardship campaign for 2019, we would like to express our thanks for your generous response through your pledges. The Stewardship Committee is working to finalize a rough draft of the 2019 budget to present to the Session for their discussion and approval at their meeting on December 16th. If you have not already completed your 2019 pledge card, the committee would appreciate your giving prayerful consideration to doing so, in order that they can finalize the 2019 proposed budget for presentation to the Session. Should you need a pledge card, they are available in the church narthex or by contacting the church office. Thank you.

REGARDING 2018 PLEDGES – FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND CONVENIENCE

As has been done for the past number of years, a letter will be mailed to all individuals who made pledges to the 2018 Hunter budget. This letter will contain the status of your 2018 pledge.

A Called Congregational Meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2018 following the 11am worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect elders and the congregational members of the 2019 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee has constructed the following slate of officers to be elected at the meeting:

3-year Elder terms (Class of 2021): Debbie Eddy, Julia Pratt and Barbara Rogers

1-year unexpired Elder term (Class of 2019): Tery Ackerman

2019 Nominating Committee congregational members (1-year terms): Joyce Abbott, Mackie Lockhart and Margaret Maxwell

Plan on joining us at the Annual All-church Christmas Potluck next Sunday, December 9th following the 11am worship service and congregational meeting. Turkey and gravy will be provided. Bring a dish to share. We hope you will be able to attend and enjoy some Christmas fellowship.

Westminster Village Christmas Basket Deliveries, December 16. To get Christmas off to a good start, deliver Christmas Baskets to Westminster Village on Sunday, December 16. There is a sign-up sheet on the Kitchen Hall bulletin board for those who can drive to deliver food. Hunter drivers pick up groceries at 2:15 behind Save-A-Lot on Southland Drive for delivery to Westminster Village on Versailles Road. Drivers are met there by youth from a number of Presbyterian Churches who unload arriving cars and deliver the groceries to the assigned apartments. The whole process is amazingly well organized and delivery to more than 70 families takes less than an hour on the part of those driving. Please sign-up by December 10.

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