

∞ Order of Worship ∞

November 29, 2020

10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

CALL TO WORSHIP (paraphrased from Isaiah 64):

Leader: God, you are our Father.

People: We are the clay and you are our potter:

Leader: All of us are what you made us.

People: Keep in mind, please, we are your people—all of us.

PRAISE SONG “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” v. 1

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Loving God, Both we and our ancestors have sinned and kept at it so long and have done wickedly. We have chosen to follow false gods like our ego and our desires. We’re all sin-infected, sin-contaminated. Help us, Lord, to be more loving in all we say, think and do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even as we all have sinned

People: You, Lord, continue to love all creation and bring us to Your Sabbath.

Leader: You, Lord, continue to forgive us and hold us in Your loving family,

People: And lead us as we confess and repent.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

CHILDREN’S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”
sung by Scott Miller

SERMON

“Step by Step”

PRAYER TIME-THANKSGIVING AND PASTORAL

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN No. 4

“How Great Thou Art” v. 1

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Verse 1:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Text: Latin Hymn, Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710;
Translated by John M. Neale, stanzas 1, 2, altered;
Henry S. Coffin, stanzas 3, 4, altered
Music: Adapted from Plainsong by Thomas Helmore;
arranged by Tom Fettke
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How Great Thou Art

Verse 1:

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Text and Music: *How Great Thou Art* by Stuart K. Hine
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Advent Devotional Study

Please join us (virtually) for an Advent Devotional Bible Study! Pastor Dale and Brenda will facilitate a discussion and conversation on the week's readings – December 2, 9, 16, and 23rd from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. The devotional is called “A Child, A Son, A Savior: The Wonders of His Love”. We will be mailing the devotional to members who regularly attend the zoom and in-person service. If you want to be sure to receive one, just let Brenda know. We hope you will join us starting Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 p.m. using the same Zoom link for the Sunday morning service.

Request for Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to work with the Nominations Committee please contact Dale or Jack.
If you would like to volunteer to be an elder please contact Dale or Jack.

Thanks

A note of thanks to everyone who gave to the Thanksgiving Baskets. Your kindness is appreciated much more than words can say. Dryden Kitchen Cupboard was able to give 140 baskets to families in need.
Our bountiful thanks for all you have done to make a difference.

----Aiden Payne

Sympathy

Prayers for Rob White, his sister passed away unexpectedly.

Luminaries

Dave Gross will be placing the luminaries along the sidewalk for Christmas this year. Help would be appreciated, please contact Dave directly.

Dryden Christmas Family Program

If you are interested in adopting and shopping for a Dryden family or making a financial contribution to go towards a Dryden family please contact Stacy McNeil at 273-2400 for more information. If you would like to send a check please write the check out to the Salvation Army Dryden Service Unit with **Dryden Christmas Family** in the memo line. The checks can be mailed to the Salvation Army, % Stacy McNeil, 150 N. Albany St., Ithaca, NY 14850. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Mary Hicks, school social worker, at 844-8694 ext. 1444. - - -Charlie Hart

Mitten Tree

Our church will continue to sponsor the annual collection of children's winter wear with donations for Dryden Central School children who are in need. Please drop by the church and add your gift to the decorated basket located in the back entrance by the Kitchen Cupboard.

Mary Lou Bradley

I received news from Mary Lou Bradley's family last week that she passed away. Mary Lou Bradley's obit was in the Ithaca Journal. Here is the address if anyone wants to send a card to Stan and family. Mr. Stanley Bradley, Mary Queen of Angels, 34 White Bridge Road, Nashville, TN 37205. Mary Lou was a long-time member before they moved to Nashville, TN about 10 years ago.

- - -Gretchen Young

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias may be purchased by individuals as we will not be ordering from Agway this year. They may be brought to the church by November 27, 2020 and left on the kitchen table to be placed in the sanctuary by the Flower Committee for the Advent Season. Contact the Flower Committee if you would like your poinsettias delivered to shut-ins .