

**The First Sunday of Advent**

**November 27, 2022**

**11:00 am**

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**PRELUDE**

*Dr. Renee Huff*

*(Prepare for worship in silent prayer and reflection)*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT #129**      “Lo How a Rose”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: O come let us sing of the Lord,

**P: Sing with joy and gladness!**

L: O come let us sing of the Lord,

**P: And tell of His mercy and love!**

**\*THE CANDLE LIGHTING**

*Eddie Homes and Sharon Driscoll*

*From the Psalms*

**First Advent Candle**

L: Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

L: [[Light the candle]] As we light the first Advent candle, we begin our wait. With each passing day, God’s miracle will come closer but how are we to wait? With fear and trembling? No, the psalmist tells us to be strong and courageous as we wait even as we are surrounded by disbelief. This ancient psalm affirms that we shall see the goodness of the Lord in this world, in his time.

L: Once again I say, Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

**P: Let us pray. Holy God, we wait for your coming. We wait with breathless anticipation for the miracle. Thank you God for waiting with us. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #88**      “Oh Come, O Come Emmanuel”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right  
**spirit** within me.

**P: For my sins are ever before me.**

L: Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy  
**Spirit** from me.

**P: Though I am unworthy to stand in your presence.**

L: Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me  
with a willing **spirit**.

**P: For I am lost without your mercy.**

L: Then I will teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners  
will return to thee.

**P: Let your Spirit dwell strongly in me.**

L: Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God of my salvation,

**P: and my tongue will sing aloud of thy deliverance.**

*- Silent Confession -*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*THE GLORIA #581** "Glory Be to the Father"

**\*RECONCILIATION WITH ONE ANOTHER**

L: May the Peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

**THE FIRST READING**

Isaiah 11:1-9

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**THE SECOND READING**

Romans 15:7-13

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "The Road to Bethlehem – The Spirit Shall

Rest Upon Him" *Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins*

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

**Call**

**The Anthem**

**The Doxology #606**

*Old Hundredth*

**The Dedication**

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Hymnal pg. 35*

**+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +**

**\*HYMN #82** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PLEASE WELCOME REV. DR. HENRY D. SCOGGINS** to our pulpit today!

**PW – SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE** Today, Sunday, November 27, is the deadline to bring your gifts to the Salvation Army Angel Tree, sponsored by Presbyterian Women. A PW representative will take the presents to the Salvation Army office in Staunton for distribution. If you would like to bring a gift, today is the day!

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING FOR SANCTUARY** The Sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas on Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome, so please come and help if you can!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** It's that time of year again! If you would like to remember or honor a loved one at Christmas, we will have the poinsettias again during the Advent season. An insert has been provided in the bulletin by which you can give the name or names of the person(s) you wish to remember. Then put your check in the collection plate and mark it "Christmas Flowers." **The deadline for donating, and to be published in our bulletin insert, is Monday, December 5.** Thank you for helping our sanctuary look beautiful during this special season!

**MBU ANNUAL HOLIDAY FESTIVAL CONCERT** Mary Baldwin University will present their Annual Holiday Choral Festival in our sanctuary on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3 at 7:00pm. We hope you can join us!

**UPDATES FROM SESSION** **1).** Session met with Patrick Pettit for info on the search for an Interim Pastor. **2).** Training for Session members will take place early next year, and Presbytery will be presenting the training. **3).** The library will be open on Monday, November 28 for the Christmas Parade. Anyone interested in helping should reach out to Sam Clem. **4).** We will be decorating the Sanctuary on Tuesday, November 29 for Christmas. The time will be announced. If you would like to help with that, please contact Amanda or Mary.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (cont.)

**THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY CHORAL SOCIETY**, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its 52nd annual Christmas concert on Friday, December 16 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, December 18 at 3:00pm at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The concert will feature G.F. Handel's *Messiah*, accompanied by the SVCS Chamber Orchestra, and student soloists from James Madison University's College of Visual and Performing Arts. The second half of the concert includes a variety of new and traditional carol settings, and will feature the premier of a new carol arrangement by local composer, Dr. John G. Barr.

Tickets are available at the door, locally at Harrisonburg Friendly City Food Co-op, Bridgewater Foods Supermarket, and online at [singshenandoah.org](http://singshenandoah.org). Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students.

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