

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**DECEMBER 2, 2018**

8:00 A.M.		Rite I: beginning on page 323 (red book)
10:30 A.M.		Rite II: beginning on page 355 (red book)
Prelude		
Opening Hymn	<i>Sleepers, wake!</i>	61 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation		355 (red book)
Hymn of Praise		S 92 (front blue book)
Collect of the Day		211 (red book)
I reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16	
Psalm 25:1-9		722 (red book)
II reading	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	
Gradual Hymn	<i>O come, o come Emmanuel</i>	56, v 2, 3 (blue book)
Gospel	Luke 21:25-36	
Homily		The Rev. Catherine Carpenter
Nicene Creed		358 (red book)
Prayers of the People		392 (red book)
Confession		360 (red book)
The Peace		
Offertory		
Presentation of Alms	<i>Prepare thy way O Zion</i>	65, v 1 (blue book)
The Great Thanksgiving		367 (red book)
Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord</i>	S 125 (front blue book)
Memorial Acclamation		S 138 (front blue book)
Amen		S 147 (front blue book)
Fraction Anthem		S 156 (front blue book)

All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion but cannot approach the altar rail, please notify an usher and it will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell the celebrant "gluten-free".

Christ, be our light! Shine in our
 hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 Church gath - ered to - day.

When Eucharistic Visitors are to visit those unable to attend, they are sent at this time.

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer

366 (red book)

Blessing

Closing

Judge eternal throned in splendor

596 (blue book)

Dismissal

366 (red book)

Postlude

GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT

*To be a visible sign of Christ's love, seeking
 and serving Christ in all persons.*

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

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. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

PSALM 25:1-9

614 (red book)

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.us to be a

LUKE 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they

sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."



WELCOME TO GRACE

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from pews or welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). After the service please join us in the Welcome Area for coffee and hospitality. We are glad that you are here with us today.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES for the hearing impaired are available from the ushers.

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