

Gathering In the Name of Christ

Greeters: Patty Robbins and Nancy Allman

Announcements: Diane Botts (please begin at 10:55am)

Prelude: Angels We Have Heard on High

Nurtured in Christ

Lighting of the Candles: Natalie & Caitlyn Shell

***Opening Hymn:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel No. 211

Welcome: Christ, our Lord, invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly turn from their sin and seek to live in peace with God and one another.

Lighting the Advent Candle: Christy Smith

First Sunday in Advent: Hope (Remember our Brokenness)

The Promise

Do you remember God's Promise? A promise gives the gift of Hope. God promised Abraham a son. That son would make of him a great nation. God PROMISED that all the families of the earth would be blessed through Him.

Do you remember that God promised King David a son? "He is the one who will build a house for my Name and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

The Promise holds the Blessing

When someone makes us a promise, we wait. Matthew tells us that 42 generations waited. To teach us to wait, God gave us the Law of Moses. To teach law breakers to listen, God gave the Prophets. Matthew tells us that Jesus fulfilled the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and God's Promise. God's Promised Son is Jesus. He blesses us with Living Hope.

The Promise is like a seed. The seed is sown in the ground. The people wait for the harvest. The Seed dies and rises. It rises to give life to all who eat. So it is with God's Promise. We believe that Jesus is the seed of Abraham. He died to sin and rose as King of Life-Eternal.

The House of Jesus lives by Faith through Hope

Those who place their Hope in Christ never wait. Now is the time of salvation! Those who have Hope live...by faith. Faith means we trust the Holy Spirit to teach us to: deny the power of sin; trust the sufficiency of God's Grace; love our neighbor as self.

Jesus says, "look, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Faith in Christ opens the eyes of the soul to see Jesus with us. Faith in Christ gives us ears to hear the Holy Spirit direct us through sin, temptations, and trials. Faith born of Hope blesses us with Peace.

Blessed is the one who has Peace with God, Peace with self, and Peace with our enemies.

A Time for Morning Prayer

Let us prepare our hearts and minds with a Spirit of Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving opens our ears to hear God's Word. Silently listen as the Holy Spirit leads you to give thanks for:

Those who taught you about Christ before they joined the Church Triumphant.
The persons who mentor you in Christ.
The persons who allow you to mentor them in Christ.
The trial you face today with Hope of seeing Jesus

Hear the Good News

In the name of Jesus Christ, you have Hope.

Glory to God.

Amen

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Prayer of Blessing

Ushers: John Hagan, Joe Toney, Ruben Allman, and Dana Barlow

Offertory Music: Lo, How a Rose er Blooming

***Doxology** As found at No. 95

Outreach offers the Grace of Christ

***Scripture Reading:** Matthew 1:1 and 17 Alberta Mitchell

Anthem: Arisoso

Message: Do We Hear Who They Heard: Our Story

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And Also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

To bless us with Grace through Faith in Christ Jesus:

You gave Your Promise to Abraham to teach us to wait. When our patience grew thin, You gave us the Law of Moses. When we broke the Law of Moses, you sent Judges and Prophets. When we wanted to be like the nations around us, You anointed a King, but warned us that who we want is not the same as Who we need.

At the right time, You have us Jesus; full of mercy, grace, and love. In Jesus' death, you give us eyes to see the gift of Salvation. In Baptism, you give us ears to Hear Your Holy Spirit.

Father, you give.

Teach us how to receive!

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth ore full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Welcome To The Wise Guys from UVA Wise

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

God Invites Us to His Table

Ushers: Pat Bowden, Andrea Burlingham, Kathleen Gillespie, and Sandra Marshall

Communion Music: Come Now, O Prince of Peace (O-So-So), Arranged by Anne Krentz Organ

Witness Christ Ministry of Reconciliation

Invitation to Discipleship

***Choral Benediction:** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus No. 196

Postlude: Chariot

*Indicates that you may stand, as you are able.
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