



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Ardmore United Methodist Church

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

The Rev. Donald Williams, Co-Officiant

Entrance

Prelude	Good Christian Friends, Rejoice	Zachau
Introit	Of The Father's Love Begotten	
*Hymn	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (<i>verses 1-4,7</i>)	No. 211

*Greeting (*Pastor & People*)

O Lord, open our lips.

And we shall declare your praise.

Light and peace in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

*The Gloria Patri	Glory Be to the Father	No. 70
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The Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Merciful God, you sent your messengers - prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity and may await with joy the coming and Glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle - (*Lighting of the Candle of Hope*)

The Medina Family: Robyn, Rick, Soren & Maya

"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." (*Luke 21: 25-28,*)

The Wise Men and shepherds saw signs that foretold Jesus' coming 2000 years ago. Today we don't look for a single brilliant star to follow or for angels singing in the heavens. We look for other sign that Jesus is with us, signs that:

...we are feeding the hungry, healing the sick, clothing the naked, caring for the poor, working for justice and righteousness at home and in our world. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord! And so we watch, and wait, and stay alert, waiting again for the coming of Jesus. And we light a single candle in preparation for that glorious day.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Lighting of the First Candle of the Advent Wreath

Response:

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (*Verse 4, No. 218*)

Proclamation & Response

Children’s Time

Cary Coglianese

(*Children may exit for Sunday School. Classes: Nursery, K-3, 4-6*)

Joys & Concerns

Prayer (*unison*)

O Creator and Mighty God, you have promised strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the way, grace for trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, and undying love. O Creator and Mighty God, help us to continue in your promise. Amen.

Solo

Come, Thou Dear Redeemer

Franck

Sophia Hunt, Mezzo-Soprano

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60: 1-6

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*Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

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Reader: Gary Ammon

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Communion Meditation The “S’s” of Christmas

Pastor Tim

The Star, The Shepherds, The Stable, The Son-Our Savior.

Part 1 - “The Star”

The Ritual of Friendship (*Please sign, pass and return to pew rack. Visitors, please include phone # and email address*)

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory

And The Glory of the Lord (Messiah)

Handel

*Presentation of Gifts

The Doxology

No. 95

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Holy Communion

Page 7, Hymnal

Confession and Pardon

Page 8, Hymnal

*Passing the Peace

Page 8, Hymnal

The Great Thanksgiving (*sung response C*)

Page 20-23, Hymnal

The Lord’s Prayer

Page 895, Hymnal

Communion Solo

Sweet Little Jesus Boy

Spiritual

Aaron Keeney, Baritone

Sharing the Bread and Cup - Holy Communion

*This morning we will share communion while remaining in the pews. The elements will be brought to you singly - first the bread (including gluten free), then the cup. Please **wait** in each case until **all** are served so we can commune as one. Following communion, the empty cups may be placed in the pew rack. Our Communion offering will be for Hurricane Maria - Puerto Rico. You can give a gift in the regular offering or in the plates on the chancel rail.*

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn There's a Song in the Air No. 249

*Benediction

Postlude Praise Ye, The Lord of Hosts Saint-Saëns

*Congregation standing Head Usher: Katherine Beskid

Acolyte: Tiffany Wenzinger Crucifer: Sadie Timmons

Altar flowers are given by Doris and Harold Peabody.

TODAY! 1st Sunday of Advent

Join us for Coffee hour immediately following worship in the parlor. Thank you to the Pensyl Family for hosting.

5:30pm - Church Christmas Dinner - Baily Hall

6:30pm-Caroling - Parlor / **7:00pm** - Notables - Sanctuary

Tuesday, 12/5 - 7:30pm. Trustees Meeting, Wesley Room.

Thursday, 12/7-12:30pm. J.O.Y Luncheon, Parlor.

Wednesday, 12/13 -7:30pm. Friends in Faith, Parlor.

Thursday, 12/14 - 7:30pm. Administrative Council, Wesley Room.

Sunday, 12/17 - 4-8pm. Grace Café. (see insert)

Sunday, 12/24 - Christmas Eve.

11am Worship, 4pm Family Service, 7:30pm Candle Light Service.

Budget - 2017

Needed to meet all expenses by end of year -	\$62,662.00
Received on 11/26/17 -	\$ 2,880.00
Needed to meet budget -	\$59,782.00

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