

First Sunday of Advent

November 27th, 2011

11:00 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

Greeting

Susan Schall

Prelude

***Processional Hymn #211** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Advent Candle Lighting

The Biggs Family

Leader: The great story of God’s love began with a good and beautiful creation.

People: Through our arrogance, we allowed darkness to hinder our relationship with God.

Leader: Despite the darkness, God’s light continued to shine through the prophets & patriarchs.

People: We light this first candle of Advent because of God’s promise of unquenchable light.

Invocation

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Lesson

Mark 13:24-27

Pew Bible, Page 47

Leader: “The Word of God for the People of God.”

Robbi Biggs

People: “Thanks be to God.”

Response to the Word “A Joyful Psalm”

Helman

Parish Concerns and Prayer

Congregational Prayer

Dear Lord, we are not doing that well on our own. Come down and help us. We thought we had matters in our hands, fending for ourselves. Come down and save us. We presumed that we had all we needed to give ourselves a sure and certain future. Come down and rescue us from ourselves. We lost our way. We sit in darkness. Come, shine your light before us this Advent. Amen.

Anthem

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

arr. Chavez

***Hymn of Preparation #694** “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Sermon Text

Isaiah 64:1-9

Sermon

“*God’s Story Was, Is and Will Be*”

Rev. Heaton

RESPONSE

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer #895

Choral Amen

Offering & Witness

Offertory

***Doxology #94**

***Closing Hymn #249** “There’s a Song in the Air”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*For Those Who Can, Please Stand