# **First Sunday of Advent ... Hope**

December 2, 2018

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER	Pastor and Congregation
LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH	Chris, Barbie, Holland Blake
CHORAL RESPONSE "Light the Light, the Fire of Life" .	vs. 1
OLD TESTAMENT LESSONSelections from Habakkuk	Molly Abbott and Reggie Jackson

## THE PROPHET'S COMPLAINT

LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous- therefore judgment comes forth perverted. <sup>5</sup>Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. <sup>6</sup>For I am rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own. <sup>7</sup> Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

## **GOD'S REPLY TO THE PROPHET'S COMPLAINT**

2 I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. <sup>4</sup> The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand, where his power lay hidden. <sup>5</sup> Before him went pestilence, and plague followed close behind. <sup>6</sup>He stopped and shook the earth; he looked and made the nations tremble. The eternal mountains were shattered; along his ancient pathways the everlasting hills sank low.

# TRUST AND JOY IN THE MIDST OF TROUBLE

<sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails, and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls, <sup>18</sup> vet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation. <sup>19</sup> GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread

upon the heights.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE......Brandi Powers

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we open our hearts to you, trusting that your love and goodness is stronger than all of our shortcomings. We have been afraid to trust you, and we have forgotten the assurance of vour eternal presence. We have sacrificed our convictions, complained when inconvenienced, and looked out for ourselves above all else. We have considered giving up when the task before us seems too great. Forgive us for all these things, and help us to be guided by your Spirit and to be filled with hope in the One who gives us new life. Amen.

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MORNING PRAYER	
OFFERTORY HYMN "His Name Is Called Emmanuel"	
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ANTHEM "Somebody Build a Manger"	Choir
SERMON	
CLOSING HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	
BENEDICTION	
SHARING LOVE AND PEACE	

POSTLUDE

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# CALENDAR

TODAY	
4:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for Christmas Program
WEDNESDAY	
6:00 p.m	
	Bible Study, Youth and Children
THURSDAY	
11:00 a.m	
NEXT SUNDAY	
5:00 p.m	CARE TEAMS RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING

## USHERS

TODAY	Eugene Crisco's Team
NEXT SUNDAY	Dwight Saunders' Team

# **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

TODAY	Candy and Elizabeth Loflin and Mary Beth McCaskill
NEXT SUNDAY	Tammy Dunn and Robledos

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Shopping trip to Hamricks in Greensboro
CARE TEAMS meeting
Pizza and CHRISTMAS CAROLING!
akfast for teachers and staff at Green Ridge Elementary
wide Christmas Program BUILDING CHRISTMAS!
Deacons' Meeting
Business Meeting
Covered Dish Churchwide Christmas Celebration
We will celebrate with a Moravian Love Feast!
Christmas Cantata "Go Sing It on the Mountain!"
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

#### PRAYER LIST

<i>Church family:</i> Wayne Abbott, Eddie and Sharon Reynolds, Katelyn Reynolds, Linda McNeill, Karen Dailey, Barbara Lynthacum, Florence Cagle, Thelma Hussey, Paul Hussey, Dwayne Blake, Ernest Dailey, Janet Maness		Paul/Thelma Hussey Mary James	Harold Johnson Mildred Hunsucker Benny McBride Bob Moore Pam, Ken Morgan Don Britt	brother friend nephew niece, nephew nephew	
At Home: Helen Gre	ene, Irene Warner		Max/Jane Luquire	Jo Brooks	friend
Friends and Relatives of:		Barbara Lynthacum	J.D. Thompson	nephew	
Molly/Wayne Abbott Sheila Capel Jane Covington	Monnie Jenkins Tony Lawson Toni Atchison Tammy Laprade Ada Capel Vernon Capel, Jr. Faye Thomas	friend friend sister sister mother brother sister	Jean Maness Sylvia McAlister Lucille McLeod Pat/Bob Morgan Nancy Ruppert Barbara Smith	Melissa Green Carol Luther Tammy Parker Jesse Wallace Marie Spoon Laura Wilson	daughter friend friend brother friend sister friend
June Covington	Pete Thomas Lee Kasik	brother-in-law grandson-in-law		Doris Hinson	friend
Ernest , Karen Dailey Mildred Grey Ray, Frances Hudson	Judy and Estella Ernestine Stevenson	daughters friend daughter	Don McCaskill Service Personnel: Seth Spivey, Chris Stua	Angie McCaskill rt	wife

*Our Love and Sympathy...* to Florence and all her family and friends at the passing of Jimmy Cagle, Sr.

...to Sheila Capel and her family and friends at the passing of her brother, Vernon Capel, Jr.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly budget needs ... \$2,518.07 Last week's offering ....\$ 1,973.00 
 Monthly budget needs
 \$10,911.66

 November offering
 \$7,986.00