

December 9, 2018 First Sunday in Advent

Thought for the Week

All the Christmas presents in the world
are worth nothing without the presence of Christ.
—David Jeremiah (1941-)

Gathering To Be Part of Christ's Resurrection

Praise and Thanksgiving "People Look East" (vs. 1,4) #202

Welcome, Announcements, Registration, Sharing Joys and Concerns

*(If you have a prayer request, please fill out one of the prayer cards
in the pew rack and give it to the pastor or an usher.)*

Centering Music and Lighting the Candles

***Call to Worship**

A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

Make God's paths straight.

Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled.

The crooked will be made straight.

The rough and rocky ways will be made smooth.

All will see the salvation of God.

See the light from on high. Dawn is breaking.

The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!

***Opening Prayer**

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are your people to whom you
send a savior, the messiah, who is Christ the Lord. Blessed are you,
and blessed are your gifts, that grace us with forgiveness and every
good gift. Lord, you came to dwell within us. Build your temple within
our hearts. Amen.

***Singing** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 2-4) #211

Confessing Who We Are

Lord, darkness surrounds us like a cold stone tomb, until your light bursts
into our lives like a clear, bright dawn. Your light blazes forth like a white-
hot fire, consuming all that it touches. How can we stand before you, Lord?
The road we thought was straight and wide we now see is a twisted, crooked
path, blocked by a mountain of sin. Guide us back to the way of peace—the
way that leads to you. Amen. (silent prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord is a great and compassionate savior, merciful and forgiving. God rescues
us from darkness and frees us from all fear. Like a refiner's fire, the Lord will
make us shine like the purest gold and silver. The One who began this work in us
seeks to bring it to completion. May the day of Christ find us holy and without
blame.

Anthem "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" R.H. Pritchard

Lighting the Advent Candles

Preparing to Pray "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #2193

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Opening Ourselves to Listen, Witness and Serve

Old Testament Lesson Malachi 3:1-4

Epistle Lesson Philippians 1:3-11

Gospel Lesson Luke 3:1-6

Message "Breaking Silence"

***Singing** "Wade in the Water" #2107

Offering our Tithes and Offerings

***Offertory Response** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, through the voices of prophets and preachers, your salvation story has been heard even in the driest deserts and the steepest valleys.
Use these offerings so that the whole world may continue to hear. Amen.

***Singing** "Heralds of Christ" #567

Sending Forth

***Singing** "God Be With You" #672
God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able

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WELCOME TO HARWICH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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