

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent Hymn (sung softly)

WELCOME AND COLONIAL NEWS

OPENING BREATH PRAYER

Breathe in: In God's Light... Breathe out: I have Hope...

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Rhodes Family

Here I Am to Worship (sung softly)

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

OPENING PRAYER

(Including time for individual, silent prayers of confession) . . . Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOOD NEWS

Once we walked in the darkness of sin.

Now we live in the light of God's love!

This Light shines in our darkness – and the darkness cannot overcome it!

For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

RESPONSE IN SONG Jesus, Name Above All Names (sung softly)

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord. Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

LIVING THE GOOD NEWS

(Please turn and wave to your sisters and brothers in Christ)

THE MESSAGE FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

LITANY OF THE WORD

And the Word was God

He was with God in the Beginning and through Him all things were made

Without Him nothing was made that has been made

In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth

Now the earth was formless and empty,

darkness was over the surface of the deep

And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters

In the beginning was the Word....

In the Beginning was the Word and the Word was with God

And in Him was life

And God said, "Let there be Light..."

And there was Light

God saw that the Light was good

And God separated the light from the darkness

The Light shines in the darkness

And the darkness has not overcome it

Jesus said "I am the Light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life

In Him was life – and that life was the true Light for everyone

Jesus said, "Let your Light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and give glory to your father in heaven"

The Light of the world has come and God said It IS Good!

HYMN STORY

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

RESPONSIVE READING

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

SCRIPTURE READING ISAIAH 2: 2-5

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

SERMON The Light of the World Brings Us Hope

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, And The power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (sung softly)

*GO AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Weekly Opportunities at CPC

- Salvation Army Bell Ringing Saturday, December 5th 10 am 4 pm
- Advent E-mails will be sent Monday thru Friday
- Hymn Story Children's Message Adult Bible Study Weekly Prayer Service (will be posted on our Facebook page Colonial Presbyterian Roanoke)
- Youth Each Sunday Evening and Mid-Day Wednesday at the Pavilion