

1st Sunday of Advent

"I have learned to be content with whatever I have."

Philippians 4:11

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE Lau

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

CHIMING of the HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

"Creator of the Stars of Night"

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN of PRAISE # 2 HYFRYDOL

"Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus"

*WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Barbara & Matt Ray

Reader: We make room for God this season by making room for hope.

Congregation: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Reader: Let us light the candle of hope and give space for God to work in and through our lives.

(Lighting of the Advent Candle)

Congregational Prayer: Almighty and merciful God, we are in need of hope. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Guide us as we begin this season of preparation for the Christ child. Help us to be still and know You are the God of our whole lives. May we look to You as busyness fogs our intentions to create space. Open us up to Your Holy presence as our Hope is in You, O Lord. And grant, that we may live a hopeful, just, content and humble life this Advent and beyond to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE EMMANUEL

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Reader: Let us return to the Lord with joy and gladness. We are forgiven and freed to make room for God.

GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION of TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Beck

"Every Valley"

Chancel Choir, Teresa Fleenor, Accompanist

*DOXOLOGY TALLIS' CANON

All praise to Thee, my God, this day,
for all the blessings on the way!
Keep me, O keep me safe from harm
within the shelter of thine arm!

*PRAYER of DEDICATION

TIME with the YOUNGER CHURCH Rev. Kristy Ray

(Following the Children's Message all children are invited to Kids Connect. The children may be picked up in the south end of the Christian Ministry Center after the worship service.)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: **Philippians 4:10-13**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

"Emptiness and Abundance"

*HYMN of RESPONSE #11 VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION Natalie Harris, soloist

*The Invitation to the Table
The Communion Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
Sharing of the Cup*

PRAYERS of GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung) Malotte

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP #38 Carol

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Scriveyner

"Meditation on "Veni Emmanuel"

*Please stand if able

Next week with Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin

Sermon: **"Sacred Silence"**

Scripture: **1 Kings 19:11-13**

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are given in Memory of Douglas Robert McKellar with Love from Mom, Leslie and brother, Trevor.

*Thank you to the Elders serving Communion this morning:
Ed Bowers, Polly Bowers, Gene Davis, Linda Jasperse, Melinda Miller,
Stacey Reeder, Regina Schmidt, and Nancy Sorensen*



Tim's Tidings

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a period of preparing for Christmas, of getting spiritually "right" with God and others, of allowing margin in our lives where God can be at the center of who we are and what we do. In service to preparing for a Christ-centered Christmas, Eastminster starts a new Worship Series, **Making Room for God.**



We will focus on four topics during the weeks of Advent:

- Hope: Emptiness and Abundance- Philippians 4
- Peace: Sacred Silence- I Kings 19
- Love: Being Found- Luke 11
- Joy: Less is More- Isaiah 40

Your worship planning team hopes that these scriptures and themes lead to Godly thought and action during a season that often involves pressures and stresses that can take us further away from God rather than closer to God. We hope that on Christmas Eve Eastminster is prepared to celebrate Jesus' birth with true Joy as we proclaim that the "Light that shines in the darkness" is also shining brightly in and through our lives together.

We start with an amazing witness from Paul. Paul, originally called Saul, was an angry man who persecuted Christians. He experienced Christ and his life dramatically changed. He matured in faith and became the chief evangelist of the early church, sharing the Good News of Jesus far and wide, even amidst persecution. He wrote the letter to the Philippians while imprisoned in Rome.

The letter is a letter of thanksgiving for the generosity of the church and for the goodness of God. I come back to these verses many times in my life thinking, "I want to be like this when I 'grow up' in the Lord." In Philippians 4:11-13 Paul writes:

I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹²I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Paul has an "attitude of gratitude" that affects his experience. The following quote was posted on Eastminster's Facebook page this week: "Gratitude turns what we have into enough." It is hard to be bitter when gratitude makes us better, for gratitude gives light to hope and hope does not disappoint us.

How do we respond with gratitude? Ephesians 4:32 suggests: "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." That's making room for God! May we truly do all things through him who gives us strength! May we all "Make Room for God" this Advent.

Blessings,

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God does answer prayer!

Persons are available to pray with you after service in the Chapel which is located behind the Sanctuary cross. Also, if you wish prayer for a situation in your life, you may place a Prayer Request Form from the pew rack into the offering plate. Prayer Request Forms are also available on www.epcfl.org/prayer-request or contact one of the pastors listed below.

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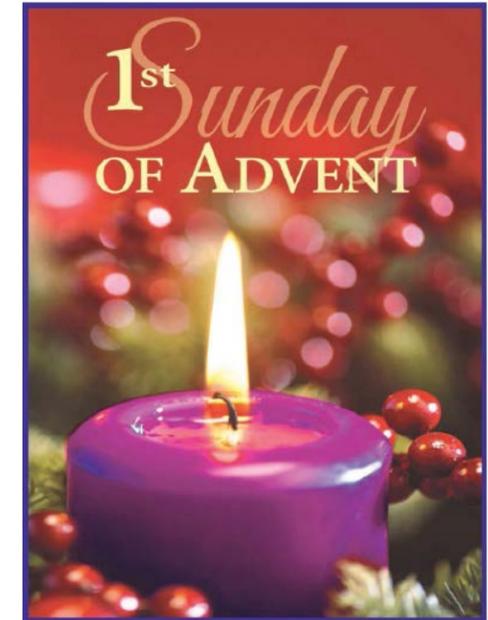
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"Emptiness and Abundance"

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Communion Sunday

Philippians 4:10-13

December 3, 2017

10:00 a.m. Service

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