

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
TRADITIONAL SERVICE - 11:00 A.M

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

** Congregation please stand as you feel comfortable*

CHIMING OF THE BELLS

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS – Wachet Auf! - Bach

INTROIT – *Alleluia He is Coming* - Choir

SHEEP PEN: Light the Advent Candle 1

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Hope is a light given by God at the beginning of creation.

All: Hope is the gift of God.

L: Hope is a light given by God in the teaching of the prophets.

All: Hope is the gift of God revealed in the life of Christ.

Leader: Hope is a light given by God, the Son of God, the Son of Mary.

(One purple candle is lit.)

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your renewing hope.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ADVENT SONG: "*Light the Advent Candle*" verse 1

Light the advent candle 1, now the waiting has begun.

We have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day.

Chorus: Candle, candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night

Candle, candle buring bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

All: that we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.

Leader: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: God of glory, we know that you are coming at an unexpected hour. Come to us now, in spirit and truth. Take us up into your presence, and make us ready for your reign of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* (PH #1)

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Leader: Now is the time to wake from sleep. Salvation is near! Let us confess our sin.

All: God of night and day, there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you and no secret that you will not bring to light. Forgive us, O God, our poor choices, our quarreling and jealousy, our walking in darkness and ignoring your light. Forgive us our every sin, renew us in love, and teach us to live in a way that brings honor and glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace. Therefore, put on the Lord Jesus Christ! Know that you are forgiven, and live in peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: May your hearts be filled with the peace of Christ!

All: And also with you!

WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers (PH #15)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

Leader: Together let us pray for guidance and understanding of God's Word:

All: O God and Lord of every nation, let your Word ring out from the mountains and your Spirit shine forth in the earth, so that all may hear your teaching and all may do your will; through Jesus Christ our peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13: 11-14

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE : Advent Sermon Series: *A Geography of Salvation*

Week One: *Mountainous Terrain*

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

HYMN: Watchman, Tell Us of the Night (PH #20)

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, The Apostles Creed (Please remain standing)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Please be seated)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY / DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN: Sleepers Awake! (PH 17)

*BENEDICTION / *RESPONSE:

POSTLUDE: Liszt Weihnacht's Baum Part One

ANNOUNCEMENTS
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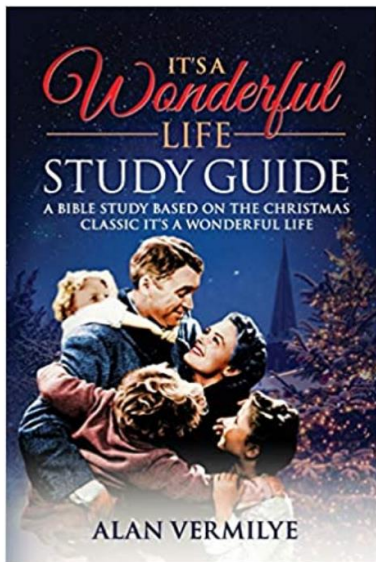
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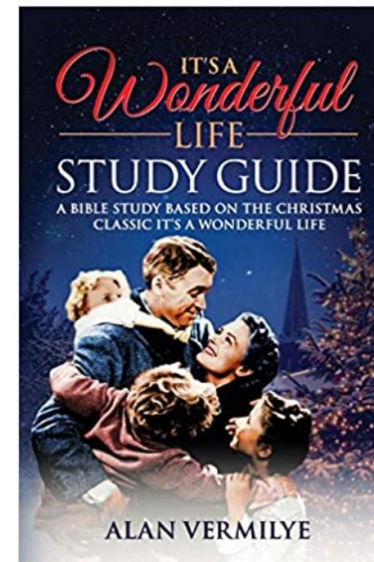
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