



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 21, 2021
REV. LINDA NEPSTAD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

One: May the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with each and everyone of you.

People: And also with you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

John 4:23-24

All: A time is coming and has now come when the true Worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

HYMN:

“O Come, O Come Emanuel”

#245

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: My friends, not out of dread or fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we no longer need to carry.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Gracious and Holy God, in your steadfast love you continue to shower us with blessings, yet we focus on our lack and our insufficiency. We fear we are not enough, that we do not have enough, and in our fear we become anxious, grasping people. Release us from our fears, and create a new and right heart within us.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, Christ alone is in a position to condemn!
And Christ died for us
Christ rose in power for us and
Christ prays for us.

People: Believe the Good News! We Are Forgiven.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** “Gloria Patri”

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Having been assured of Christ’s forgiveness, let us share
a sign of Christ’s peace with one another. The peace of our Lord
Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 21 25-36

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SERMON

“Christ the Prophet for Heaven and Earth”

Rev. Linda Nepstad

***HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision”

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Brief Statement of Faith**

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

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, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

OFFERING OF OUR GIFT AND TALENTS

***RESPONSE** Doxology (traditional)
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Barrier breaking God, there is no place we can go where you are not. You cross oceans and deserts, you enter life and conquer death. In all places and in all times, you are with us. Our cup overflows, and we are embraced by your love. Amen

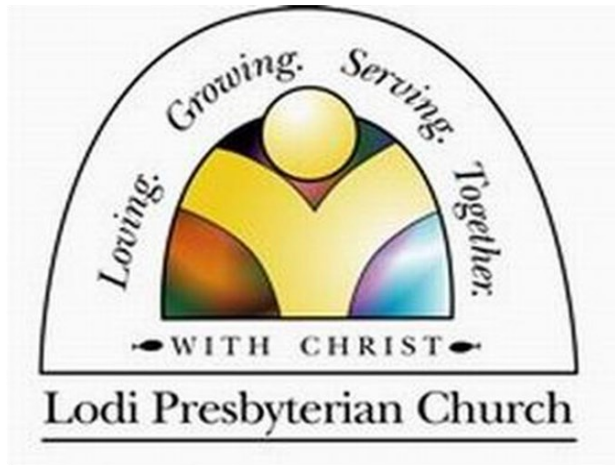
***HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" #597**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

FAREWELL

POSTLUDE



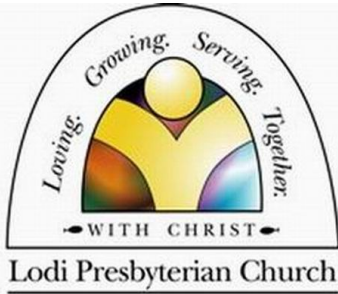


Many Thanks to:

Welcome, Rev. Linda Nepstad

Accompanist: Jamie Johns

Usher: Jean Spataro



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