

MOUNT AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3rd Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 17, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Large print bulletins are available from the Ushers.

Hearing Assistance Devices – see the Sound Operator, Chris Miller or Eric Burgmann.

A single asterisk () before the liturgy indicates that the congregation is to stand if able.*

People's response in bold.

Please turn off your cell phones before the service begins.

The service begins with the prelude. This is a time for meditative prayer, silence, and centering.

Please be mindful of your neighbor's desire to prepare for worship.

PRELUDE "Rejoice in the Lord Always, Again I say Rejoice" arr. Lynn Trapp
(Gaudete)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Gordon DeVinney

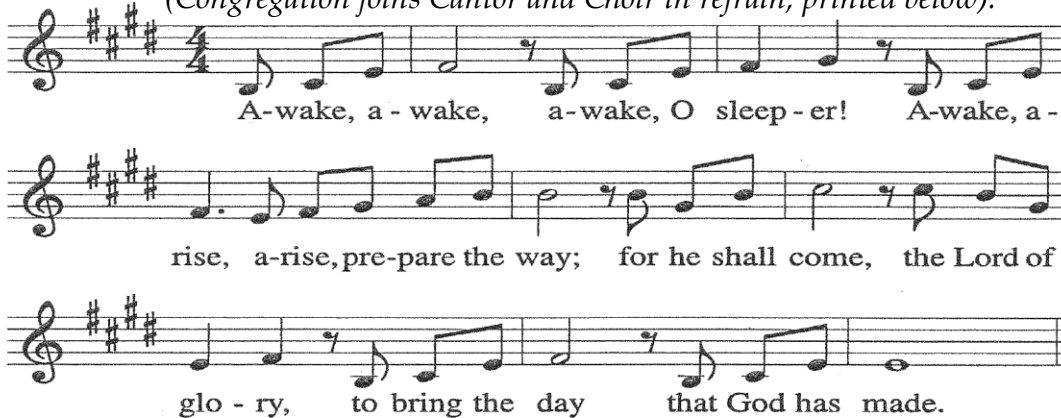
*Please sign the welcome register (**include last names please**) and pass it to your neighbor. When all have signed, pass it back so you can see the names of those with whom you are worshipping. (**Please remove the signed page and place it in the offering plate**). Announcements are given by the liturgist. Those not printed in the bulletin must be handed to the liturgist before the service begins.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES (Responsive)

Opening refrain (Choir sings refrain 1x)

(Cantor sings verse 1x)

(Congregation joins Cantor and Choir in refrain, printed below):



A-wake, a - wake, a-wake, O sleep - er! A-wake, a -
rise, a-rise, pre- pare the way; for he shall come, the Lord of
glo - ry, to bring the day that God has made.

Come, Emmanuel.

Days grow short and to-do lists lengthen.

We watch and prepare, for the Word is coming, full of grace and truth.

A spark of joy lights the way –

Though the flame flickers against the shadows,

We will rejoice in God's covenant of everlasting love.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

*HYMN #93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Truro

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Confession (Unison)

Word of God, Breath of Life, come and live among us again.

Clear away the things that clutter our hearts and lives,
making it difficult to see and do your will.

And where we have chosen to believe your way is obscure,
preferring our way to yours, make your truth shine out.

When we have chosen to focus on cheer at the expense of joy, forgive us
and cause righteousness and praise to spring up in your world once again.

We pray in the name of the coming Christ. Amen.

Silence is kept for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Response

(Congregation responds to Cantor)

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

MOMENT WITH YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 pg. 691

ANTHEM "Savior of the Nations, Come" Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE John 1:6-8, 19-28 pg. 91

SERMON The Reverend Stacey Midge

MOMENT OF SILENCE

*HYMN #347 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Picardy

PASTORAL PRAYER

(Prayer requests may be noted on the clipboard on the Usher stand, in the narthex.)

CALL FOR OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology #106, vs. 3

Bereden Väg För Herran

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.

All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

***Dedication**

***HYMN #97**

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

Aberystwyth

CHARGE

BENEDICTION

***Response #92, vs. 2**

Waiting

With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

POSTLUDE

"Nun komm der heiden Heiland"

J. S. Bach