

THE COMMUNION LITURGY

AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE (responsively)

LEADER: Jesus said:

PEOPLE: *Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if those who hear my voice open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me.*

LEADER: O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are all who find refuge in God!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (responsively)

LEADER: Let us give thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

ALL: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (responsively)

LEADER: Holy Lord, Father Almighty, everlasting God: You have made this world a place for Jesus Christ. Before He was born, You promised, in the words of the prophets, that Jesus Christ would come. We praise You for the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation in this sacrament, for it is a sign to us today that Jesus will come again. We believe that Jesus will come again to claim Your kingdom and Your people. Your ways are just and true, and Your works great and wonderful.

PEOPLE: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Power and Might. Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

LEADER: Great God, we ask for the Holy Spirit in the Breaking of Bread so that we may be drawn together and joined to Christ the Lord, receive new life, and remain His glad and faithful people until we feast with Him in Glory.

PEOPLE: *God, You call us from death to life. We give ourselves to You; and with the Church through all ages, we thank you for your Saving Love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SHARING THE ELEMENTS (please hold each element for a common celebration)

In serving each other, those who desire may say in passing the bread, "*(First Name), this is the Body of Christ, which is for you.*" As you pass the cup, you may say "*(First name), this is the cup of the New Covenant.*"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

The reading concludes with the following response:

Reader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Rondeau

F. Couperin

* THE DOXOLOGY (Sung in Unison)

Old Hundredth

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION MEDITATION

The Second Coming of Jesus!

Kent Clise
Senior Pastor

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (Refer to back page)

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

* HYMN OF DEDICATION

No. 149

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

St. George's Windsor

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Now Come, Savior of the Nations

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

S. Scheidt

* *Worshippers who are able are invited to stand.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The people's preparation, in silence and anticipation of the prelude:

Faithful God, Your wisdom pours forth from on high and pervades all creation. You order all of life with strength and gentleness. Come to us in this hour of worship and teach us the way to salvation. Please, Lord Jesus come. Amen.

PRELUDE

Suite from Book I, Third Order

PEAL OF THE TOWER BELLS

F. Couperin

ENTRANCE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Christopher Leach Family

STRIKING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

* HYMN OF PRAISE (Please stand as the organ begins.)

No. 151

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

Murray Richmond

(p. 12, *The Hymnbook*)

Associate Pastor

* THE GLORIA PATRI

No. 546

Glory be to the Father...

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God of the future, You are coming to bring all persons into a closer relationship with You. We acknowledge that we are not able to recognize Your kingdom because we live casual lives, ignore Your promises, accept lies as the truth and refute the truth with lies. In Your mercy we seek Your forgiveness. Grant us this wisdom to welcome Your way and seek that which will endure, for the sake of Christ, our Savior, whose coming we await. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation will respond by saying the italicized words)

Lord, have mercy on us; *Lord, have mercy on us.* Christ, have mercy on us; *Christ, have mercy on us.* Lord, have mercy on us; *Lord, have mercy on us.*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

9 AM

TRINITY AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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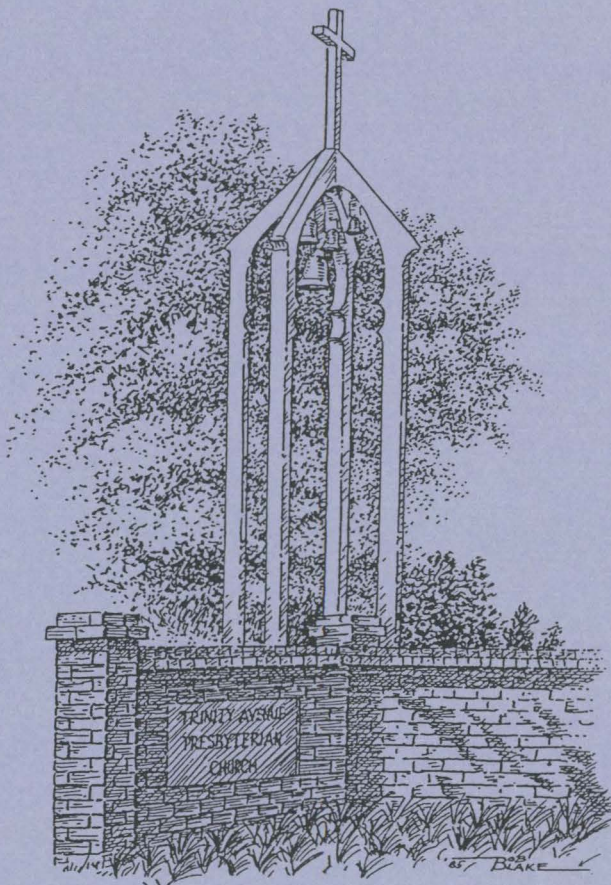
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First Sunday of Advent

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Send out Your light,
O Lord,
And Your truth,
And let them lead me
to Your holy hill.

Liturgical Color:
Purple



W. Kent Clise, *Pastor*
William Crompton Bennett, *Minister Emeritus*
Murray Richmond, *Associate Pastor*
Suzanne Purtee, *Director of Music*
Thomas Harvey, *Director of Christian Education*
Allison Hunt Pickard, *Director of Youth Ministry*