

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN
November 27, 2022
First Sunday in Advent

CANDLE LIGHTING

CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE: Lora Gensler

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ruth Frost

INTROIT: Jubilee

*OPENING HYMN: # 92 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

Leader: Come, with thanksgiving, praise, and hope - before the Lord God of all creation.

People: We will join together, in honoring and proclaiming the love of God, for all creation.

Leader: Let us find our rest in God, for He will never let us down, His resources are inexhaustible.

People: Thanks be to God – for His, love, forgiveness, mercy, and compassionate care of us.

All: In this sacred time and place, we will taste of bread from Heaven, drink of the water of life, use the power God given us for good, pray for one another, and open our hearts to the Spirit's wooing's.

*THE GLORIA PATRI: #558

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.

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

Come Emanuel, be born anew in our hearts. God be with us, in us, above us, and surrounding us - is our hope and welcoming cry. Be our Savior, Teacher, Healer, and Advocate. We are weak and fraught with uncertainties, but you are almighty, good, wise, and all knowing. Help us in the preparing of our hearts and minds - for the celebration of the first Advent of Christ in Bethlehem. And make us ever aware that you are coming again as king of kings - in power and glory. Strengthen our Hope, deepen our Love, restore our Joy, and calm our spirits with your Peace. In The name of Christ, our Emanuel, we pray: Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

HYMN OF PREPARATION: # 89 "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Titus 2:13

SERMON: "The Blessed Hope" Rev. Paul Ray

SPECIAL MUSIC: Jubilee

SHARING OUR LIVES TOGETHER:

Thanksgivings
Concerns of the Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Silent Prayer
Prayers of Intercession and Supplication
The Lord's Prayer (debts)

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

Call to Giving (offering trays located in the back of church)
Doxology

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: # 355 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

LOOKING AHEAD AT OUR CALENDAR:

- Thursday, Nov 24 No service. Have a joyous and festive Thanksgiving!
- Sunday, Nov 27 Worship is at 10:00 am. **Sunday school**. Special Music is by Jubilee Band
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- Wednesday, Nov 30 Choir Rehearsal at 7 pm.
- Friday, Dec 2 Christmas Tree Lighting at 6:30 pm
Waterford High School Madrigal Singers Perform at 7:00 pm.
With Cookies and Wassail following downstairs)
- Sunday, Dec 4 Worship is at 10:00 am. Special Music is by the Choir.
- Wednesday, Dec 7 Jubilee will perform at 1 pm at Oak Park Place Senior Care facility
Choir Rehearsal at 7 pm.
- Sunday, Dec 11 Worship is at 10:00 am. **Sunday school**. Special Music by Rose Seeger on chimes.
- Wednesday, Dec 14 Choir Rehearsal at 7 pm.

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