

North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church



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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

The Huffman Family

One: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!
We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love,
remembering the promises of God with prayer.
We light this candle in hope.

One: Hear now God's promise of hope from the prophet Jeremiah:
"The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will fulfill my promise to my people.
Justice and righteousness will fill the land
and all will live in peace and safety."

**Sung: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

One: God of hope, out of death you bring life.
Renew us in hope, so that we may be alert
to the dawning of Christ's advent among us.

All: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

Hymn (#366)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us.

We are not ready for your coming.

**We live in sin,
as though there were no justice.**

**We live in fear,
as though there were no grace.**

Forgive us, Lord.

Show us your mercy and steadfast love.

**Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,
for you are the God of our salvation. (Silence)**

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news:

Many: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

One: May the Lord guide your way,
strengthen you in all holiness,
and make you abound in love
for one another and for all.

All: **Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Special Music

Second Lesson

Luke 21:25-36

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sermon

Waiting

Rev. Steve Snipes

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Responsive Prayer of Dedication

One: God of righteousness,

You have saved us from the worst the world can do.

Many: **Yet you have promised to redeem the whole creation when Christ comes again.**

One: In faith and hope, we offer our gifts of money and self.

Many: **May we be a part of what you are doing in the world even now, as we watch for Christ's coming in glory.**

All: **Alleluia. Amen.**

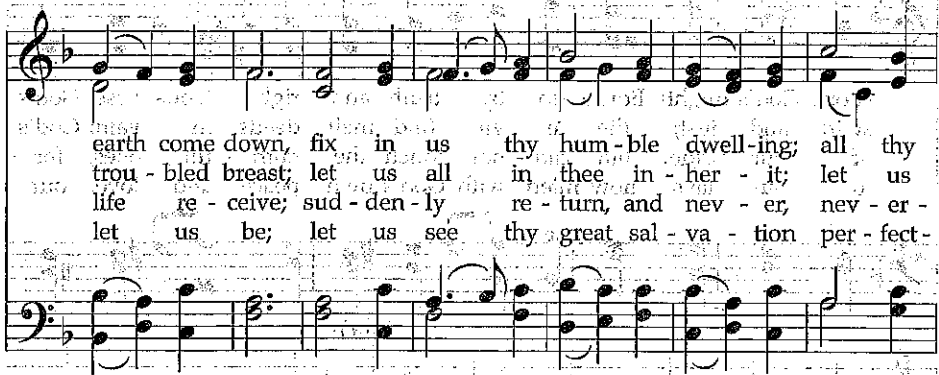
WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Charge and Benediction**

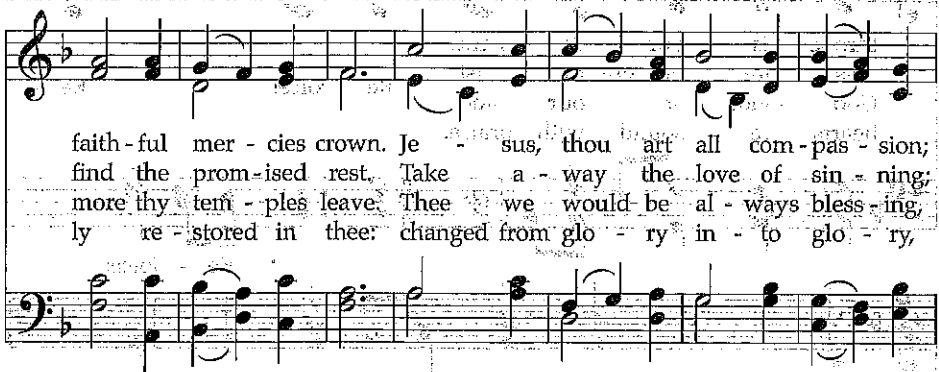
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest, Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.