

The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) gather for the

Worship of God

December 1, 2024; 9:30am: First Sunday of Advent

Chiming the Hour The Atwood Carillon

Greeting The Spirit of God is with you... Nathan A. Russell

And also with you!

Call to Worship Lift up your hearts... Nathan A. Russell We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude Choral (Alice Sauvrezis) Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"I am hopeful, not out of mere stubbornness, but out of an existential, concrete imperative."

-Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of Hope

Hymn of Praise

Long Years Had Zechariah Prayed¹ (Reverse)

FOREST GREEN

Invocation Debbie Walker



Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

Worship Committee



Prayers of the People

God who draws near...

Help us wait and watch for signs of a light.

Pam Sheetz

The Lord's Prayer

Our Mother/Father/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin*dom 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin*dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

Sung Response Wait for the Lord³ WAIT FOR THE LORD



Invitation to Stewardship

Don Hange, Jr.

Offertory

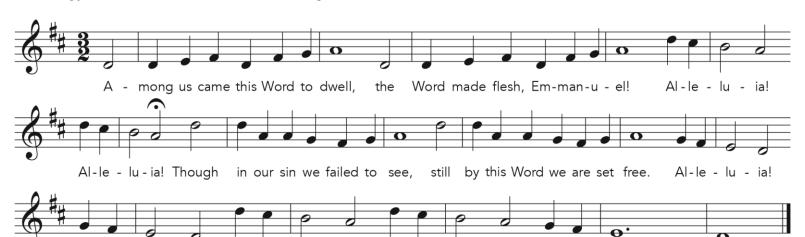
Sonata No. 3: II. Andante espressivo (Hedwige Chrétien)

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology

Among us Came the Word to Dwell⁴

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



The Reading

Luke 1:5-19
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

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Al - le - lu

Nathan A. Russell

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Thanks be to God!

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Sermon

Magnificent Advent: Hope

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

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"Hope is not 'born' in community or in the individual; rather it finds itself in the middle of complex and multiple relationships, bringing its own energy, agency, and realities to those relationships... Hope joins us and we join Hope collectively, individually, and relationally in ways that expand the possibilities of our vision."

-Joretta Marshall, Collaborating Hope

Al - le - lu

Hymn of Communion 399

O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

BELMONT

Invitation to Commune

Pam Sheetz

Prayer at the Table

Mark Mathes

Words of Institution

Pam Sheetz

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

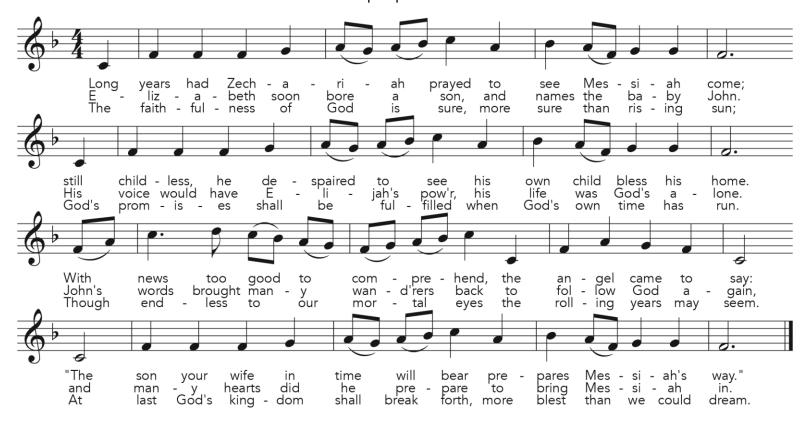
Hymn of Discipleship 129

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates

TRURO

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell



Today's artwork is Annunciation to Zechariah by Lauren Wright Pittman | @ A Sanctified Art LLC | Sanctifiedart.org.

¹WORDS: Joy F. Patterson, 2011; MUSIC: English melody ³WORDS: Ref. Taizé Community, 1984; MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984 ²WORDS: David Bjorlin, 2017; MUSIC: Benjamin Brody, 2017 ⁴WORDS: Chris Shelton, 2015; MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 1

- 11:00am: "Hanging of the Greens" and a light lunch by Hospitality Committee
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere
- 11:59pm: Deadline for Poinsettia Orders https://www.waccelyria.org/poinsettias

Tuesday, December 3

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 5:30-6:30pm: Stewardship Committee Mtg. (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 4

• 10:00-12:00pm: Just Values Planning Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)



We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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