

SHARING THE CUP

(Please drink your cup as it is given to you,  
symbolizing your personal faith in Jesus Christ.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

and to be Sent with the Word.

\*HYMN #516

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

\*BENEDICTION

\*THE CHIMES

*Three chimes, for the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
signal the end of our worship and call us forth into a new week of service.*

POSTLUDE

*Allegro*

Bach

\*Please stand as you are able.

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**We Welcome You in the Name of Christ** - We especially welcome all our guests, and ask that you fill out the "Welcome Visitor" card you will find in the pew. We are a fellowship of prayer, worship, and service to a loving God. If you are looking for a church home, we would be delighted for you to consider membership in Clemmons Presbyterian Church. Information about us is found at the Visitors table in the Narthex or online.

**To share a prayer request**, please use the cards in the pew racks and place the card in the offering. It will be taken to the minister and shared in today's prayers.

**Children's Worship Bags and Booster Seats** are available for children (preschool-elementary) to use during the worship service. They are by the coat rack in the hall. Our ushers may also assist you.

**Kid's Worship** is for children ages 4 through 2nd grade. Following "Time for Children," the children will be accompanied to Room 211 where they will participate in this exciting "hands-on" program. All parents should meet their children in the classroom following the worship service.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God** by William and Sarah Baucom in celebration of their wedding.

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Large-print Bibles, bulletins and hearing devices, as well as information about childcare are available from any usher.

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## Clemmons Presbyterian Church

10:45 am Worship Service

December 2, 2018

*First Sunday of Advent*

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available in the narthex for those who need them.

If you did not pick up your gluten-free wafers as you entered the sanctuary, you are invited to do so during one of the hymns.

PRELUDE *Sleepers, Wake!, a Voice Astounds Us* Walther

WELCOME AND THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP William Hoyle  
*Everyone is encouraged to sign, date, and pass the pew pad down your row,  
noting your neighbors upon its return.*

### We Gather Around The Word,

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Robin Allison and Tony Sarro

Leader 1: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As the Lord has promised, in days to come:

Leader 2: *The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;*

**People: *Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.***

– Isaiah 2:4

HYMN #88 (verse 1) *O Come, O Come Emanuel*

Leader 1: Let us walk in the light of the Lord. **Amen.**

\*HYMN #82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

CALL TO CONFESSION

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

– Matthew 3:2-3

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse your gifts and refuse your justice and peace.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

\*TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*HYMN #581 *Glory Be to the Father*

### to Hear God's Word,

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison) Lector: Cherie Hardy

**Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 33:14-16

Pew Bible OT Page 694, Red Bible Page 724

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Prepare Ye!* Arr. Shafferman & Page

*Prepare ye the way of God, a path in the wilderness,  
A highway in desert sand! O, prepare ye the way!*

*Soon the Son will come, shine on everyone, turn the darkest night into broad daylight!*

*Soon the Son will come, holy blessed One. O, prepare ye the way!*

*A voice in the wilderness is crying, "Your sin confess!"*

*You better do as it says! O, prepare ye the way!*

*The valleys are echoing the news of the tiny King, The Savior, the Promised One!  
O, prepare ye the way! Alleluia!*

*Soon the night will turn to daylight! Soon He'll come. O, prepare ye the way!*

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21:27-39

Pew Bible NT Page 80, Red Bible Page 960

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

\*HYMN #357

*The Days Are Surely Coming*  
*Children ages 4 years old to 2nd grade are invited to meet Kid's Worship leaders in the Narthex during the hymn.*

COMMUNION MEDITATION

*On Setting the Table*

### to Respond to the Word,

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic\*\* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(\*\* universal)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*O Come, O Come, Emanuel*

Held

\*DOXOLOGY #606

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER

(...debt/debtors...) Hymnal p. 35

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

**People: And also with you.**

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING THE BREAD

(Please hold your bread until all are served. We will eat together, symbolizing our unity with Christ and with one another.)