**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 27, 2022**

**PRELUDE** *The Vermillion Sunrise; Lord, Open the Door* Boëly (1785-1858)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE** Jeremiah 33:14-16 Cary & Holly Bennett

Leader: Jeremiah wrote words of hope and promise.

**People: Today we rejoice in their fulfillment through the Word made flesh**

**- Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**INTROIT** *The Days are Surely Coming* Llangoffan

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# MORNING PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN 88** *O Come, O Come Emanuel* Veni Emanuel

stanzas 1, 2 and 7

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy, we confess how easily we let time go by. We linger in the darkness, even with deliverance so near. We hesitate to face the future, even with Christ as our strength. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Your son, we confess we are slow to prepare. Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Lead us forth to meet the moments You graciously give us, clear and awake to Your will.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581** Greatorex

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 122 p. 498

Cynthia Hoover

**ANTHEM** *Zion Hears the Watchmen's Voices*                           Bach (1685-1750)

Zion hears the watchmen's voices, with gladness all her heart rejoices,

She eager wakes to greet the day.

See her Lord from heaven descending with grace and truth and power unending,

Her daystar dawns with brightest ray.

O come thou blessed one, Lord Jesu, God's own son, Hosianna!

We follow there thy feast to share and taste the joys beyond compare.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 24:36-44 p**. 805**

**SERMON** *Inconceivable?*Patrick Pettit, Interim Pastor

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed* Hymnal p. 35

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN 97** *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* Aberstwyth

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Are You Sleeping? Wake Up, Quickly!* Boëly

\***Please stand if able**

**Today’s link is :** <https://youtu.be/WPtFGV_3-oQ>

*Hearing devices are available for your convenience.*

*Please be aware that they do not function until after the service begins.*

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The Legacy: Mary June Cook

UVA: Bird Heuchert

Regency at Augusta: Edie Lawrence

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab

Home: Dick Huff, Nancy Garber, Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Walt Flora, Warner & Linda Sandquist, Ruth and Lewis Kelley.

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Ron Buckalew, Jean Custen, Jerry Hughes, Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Paul Watts (Colleen Cash).

Military: Carson Craig

Our Christian sympathies to the family of Lillian Hryshkanych, memorial service was held at Summit Square, November 26, 2022

Collections for Disciples Kitchen are due by December 11, 2022. Hats, gloves, and socks

are being collected in the Narthex

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