**FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT December 3, 2023**

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**ADVENT ANTIPHON**

Leader: Almighty God may the light of Your love empower us to become lights to a dark world. Prepare our hearts for Jesus is our hope.

**People:** Come Lord Jesus!

**MORNING PRAYER**

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

stanzas 1, 2 and 7

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Advent God, we confess we are not ready to meet you. We yearn for the comfort and joy of Christmas, impatient to move past this season of preparation. Anxious about our own wants, we turn away from the needs all around us.

Forgive us, Lord, this and all our sin. Give us eyes to perceive the need within our community, and the wisdom to recognize your joy is in sharing all you so freely give in Christ Jesus.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI 581** Greatorex

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 80:17-19 p. 471

**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, Hosanna!

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

**SECOND SCRIPTURE** READING Mark 13:24-37 p.826

**SERMON** *People Get Ready*Patrick S Pettit,Interim Pastor

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles’ Creed p.35

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*Invitation*

*Great Thanksgiving*

*Communion of the People*

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

**\*CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

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

\***Please stand if able**

*Hearing devices are available for your convenience.*

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

**Today’s link is:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mG2Zblj6jt8>

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Shenandoah Nursing Home: Nancy Garber

Home: Mary Ultee, Mary Ann Maupin, Warner & Linda Sandquist,

Cathy Cunningham

Friends and Family: Erwin Berry (Joan), Bill Bromley, Jean Custen, Jerry Hughes,

Sally McNeel, Bill Metzel (Joyce Tipton), Col. Stuart Roberts (Mark Henderson),

Paul Watts, Kathleen Clements, (Colleen Cash), Josh Slonaker, Barb Ostrander

(Holly Bennett), Betsy Boswell (Curry)

Military: Carson Craig

**December 3 First Sunday of Advent Jean Hashagen**

**December 10 Second Sunday of Advent Betsy Ruehl**

**December 17 Third Sunday of Advent Bill Pannill**

**December 24 Christmas Eve 11am Jo Pannill**

**NO CANDLELIGHT**

**December 31 First Sunday of Christmas Cynthia Hoover**

**Second Presbyterian will join us**