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MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE NOVEMBER 30, 2011

WELCOME to all who are visiting today! Our greatest desire is to share that wonderful message of forgiveness and eternal salvation for all in Jesus' name. We pray you will be drawn closer to Christ as the Holy Spirit nurtures us through God's Word in this service. Before you leave, please, take time to sign our guest register in the entrance way, and we hope you will join us every week as we gather as God's family in worship.

WELCOME

INVOCATION:

P. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C. AMEN.
P. The living light, the living flames that burn on our Advent wreath symbolize Jesus Christ as the living Light of the world.
C. HE IS THE LIGHT THAT BROKE FORTH ON THE WORLD ON THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS WHEN HE WAS BORN AS PRINCE OF PEACE.
P. Jesus says, "I have come that you may have life,"
C. "AND THAT YOU MAY HAVE IT TO THE FULL"
P. Given that promise we pray,
C. COME, LORD JESUS, STIR UP OUR HEARTS, AS WE PREPARE FOR YOUR COMING. AMEN.

HYMN: #71 "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

PRAYER

ADVENT MEDITATION: Preparing for Christmas: Part I **"Sorry for Christmas?"**
(An outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)

CONFESSION: *(Spoken together)*

Lord, we come to you as people whose hearts and lives are stained with sin. We acknowledge that sin and confess that we can do nothing to take those sins away our self. So we trust in your mercy and grace to help us, which you hold out to all through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (TLH #652)

1. I lay my sins on Jesus The spotless Lamb of God. He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load. I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains. White in His blood most precious, Till not a spot remains.

ABSOLUTION

OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)

SONG: "I Hear Angels" (Rev 4:3,8; 5:11, 14:2)

1. I hear angels singing praises, I see men from ev'ry nation, bowing down before the throne;
Like the sound of many waters, like a rushing wind around us, multitudes join the song.
And a symphony of praise arises tears are wiped away from eyes as men from ev'ry tongue and tribe all sing.
Chorus: Holy, holy, God Almighty, Who was, Who is and is to come; All the angels, are crying holy, to the Lamb who sits upon the throne. Holy, holy, God Almighty, Who was, Who is and is to come; All creation, is bringing glory, to the Lamb Who sits upon the throne.
2. I see One Who's full of wonder, eyes of fire and voice of thunder, shining bright His majesty; All the colors of the rainbow, circle Him and fill His Temple, so beautiful this is to me. And a symphony of praise arises, tears are wiped away from eyes, as men from ev'ry tongue and tribe all sing. *(Repeat chorus)*
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SPECIAL PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (*Spoken together*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN: #68 “*The Advent of Our King*”

ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

SERVICES SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER:

Sunday, December 4th – Worship Service 8:00am and 10:30am

Wednesday, December 7th – 7:00 Advent Service

Sunday, December 11th – 8:00am Worship Service
10:30am Christmas Cantata
7:00pm Christmas Cantata

Wednesday, December 14th – 1:30pm CCLS Christmas Service at CCLS
7:00pm CCLS Christmas Service at CCLS

Sunday, December 18th – 8:00am Worship Service
10:30am Sunday School Service

Wednesday, December 21st – NO WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Saturday, December 24th – 5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
7:00pm Christmas Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25th – 9:00am Christmas Worship

Saturday, December 31st – NO New Years Eve Worship

Advent: Preparing for Christmas - Part I

"Sorry for Christmas?"

Scripture References: Luke 1:17; Matthew 3:1-3; Romans 2:4

1. What is the season of Advent meant to be?
2. How did John the Baptist prepare people so they were ready to receive Jesus?
3. What are the two parts of repentance?
 - A.
 - B.
4. Why can't we make ourselves sorry for our sins?
5. How does the Holy Spirit lead us to true sorrow for our sin?
6. How does being sorry for our sins help us when it comes to Christmas?