



GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Service of Worship November 29, 2020 10:00am  
1st Sunday of Advent

Gathering

PRELUDE

Carrie DeVries, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SINGING

“Better Is One Day”

REDMAN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Stromberg Family

HYMN

“Light the Advent Candle, One”  
(vs. 1 and refrain)

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

# Advent Song



1. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, one: Now the  
 2. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, two: Think of  
 3. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, three: Think of  
 4. Light the Ad - vent can - dle, four: Think of  
 5. Light the Christ - mas can - dles, now: Sing of



wait - ing has be - gun; we have start - ed  
 hum - ble shep - herds, who filled with won - der  
 heaven - ly har - mo - ny; an - gels sing - ing  
 joy for - ev - er - more; Christ Child in a  
 don - key, sheep, and cow; birth - day can - dles



on our way, time to think of Christ - mas day.  
 at the sight of the child of Christ - mas night.  
 "Peace on earth" at the bless - ed Sav - ior's birth.  
 sta - ble born, gift of love that Christ - mas morn.  
 for the King, let the al - le - lu - ias ring.

*Refrain*



Can - dle, can - dle, burn - ing bright, shin - ing



in the cold win - ter night; can - dle, can - dle,



burn - ing bright, fill our hearts with Christ - mas light.

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ADVENT CANDLE SONG

77.77 with Refrain

## A TIME WITH STEWART

### SHARING OUR SONG

“Do You Know”

by Ruth Elaine Schram

Joy! Singers (4s–1<sup>st</sup> grade) — Emily Hussey, director

Celebration! Singers (2<sup>nd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> grade) — Pam Kelly, director

### ADVENT PRAYER *(video)*

### ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you and all others!**

### SINGING

“Refiner’s Fire”

Doerksen

## Equipping

### LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Malachi 3:1–7

*(Common English Bible)*

Look, I am sending my messenger who will clear the path before me; suddenly the Lord whom you are seeking will come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you take delight is coming, says the Lord of heavenly forces. Who can endure the day of his coming? Who can withstand his appearance? He is like the refiner’s fire or the cleaner’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. They will belong to the Lord, presenting a righteous offering. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in ancient days and in former years. I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be quick to testify against the sorcerers, the adulterers, those swearing falsely, against those who cheat the day laborers out of their wages as well as oppress the widow and the orphan, and against those who brush aside the foreigner and do not revere me, says the Lord of heavenly forces. I am the Lord, and I do not change; and you, children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the time of your ancestors, you have deviated from my laws and have not kept them. Return to me and I will return to you, says the Lord of heavenly forces. But you say, “How should we return?”

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:35–42

*(Common English Bible)*

The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus walking along he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, “What are you looking for?” They said, “Rabbi (which is translated Teacher), where are you staying?” He replied, “Come and see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Christ). He led him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

## ANTHEM

“Waiting Here for You”  
Praise Team

Tomlin/Reeves/Smith

## SERMON

“From Buying Presents to Being Present”

Rev. Sue Trigger

## Sending

## A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SINGING

“God With Us”

Ingram /Jordan

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Carrie DeVries, pianist

## GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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