Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Call to Worship
On this day we bear witness to the radiant light of Christ:
With Isaiah and Jeremiah, prophets of Israel, we await the promised salvation of the Lord. With hope, we look for the coming of the One who will bring justice and righteousness to the whole world.
The Word became flesh and lived among us.
We have seen the brightness of his glory. Hallelujah!

Hymn 131 "We Gather Together"

Prayer of Confession
Holy God, we rejoice that Christ is coming and your kingdom is drawing near! We confess that at times we have neglected to plead the case of the poor and ignored the needs of the afflicted. By your Spirit, renew our minds and transform our hearts, so that our lives might bear the fruit of compassion. Help us to do your will until your Son, the Prince of Peace, returns in glory. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Isaiah 64:1-9

New Testament Mark 13:24-37

Sermon Dr. Clifford Anderson

Gathering the Collection

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication
Gracious God, you are generous and kind. You faithfully give us what we need to live, with enough to share. We are grateful, and hope that we never take your blessings for granted. Thank you for the opportunity to give back a portion of your goodness to us for the church's ministries. May your purposes be fulfilled through our gifts. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Litany for Thanksgiving +
Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us day by day and year by year, **We give you thanks.**

For the simple pleasures of life: for garden harvests, coffee conversations, and familiar surroundings, and for health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life, **We give you thanks.**

For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit, for homes which supply shelter, nurture order and beauty, and offer hospitality, **We give you thanks.**

With music that declares your everlasting goodness, with hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven, with prayers for mutual understanding and peace, **We worship you with joy.**

With creative pursuits that contribute our God-given talents, with words which honor you as our Lord, with time volunteered and dedicated to service in church and community to extend the love of Jesus Christ, **We worship you with joy.**

With days set apart to celebrate your goodness and grace, with gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage ourselves, with friends and family nearby and distant, **We worship you, God, with grateful hearts and a joyful spirit.**

The Lord's Prayer
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.

Hymn 102 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Benediction

Postlude

+ Prayer by Kathy Jo Blaske provided for free distribution.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 29 **Worship and Fellowship** 10 am
Welcome our Guest Preacher, Dr. Clifford Anderson, as we worship God in person and via live stream. Enjoy a time to catch up with friends at coffee hour.

Monday, Nov. 30 **Coffee House** 8 – 10:30 am
Stop in for a hot cup of coffee and stay for good conversation.

Tuesday, Dec. 1 **Coffee House** 8 – 10:30 am
Our fellowship hall is a lovely place for coworking as well.
Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00 pm
Connect with the facilitator by emailing info@finyaa.org.

Wed., Dec. 2 **Advent Study** 9 – 10 am
Our new book is *Waiting: Spending Advent with the Psalms* by Elizabeth Caldwell. We meet in the Parlor and via Zoom. Meeting ID 834 1604 4724 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83416044724

Friday, Dec. 4 **Tree Lighting and Caroling** 5 pm
Let's sing carols at the lighted tree, then have hot cocoa.
Board Game Café 5:30 - 7 pm
Stay for pizza dinner and playing board games.

Saturday, Dec. 5 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 5 pm

Sunday, Dec. 6 **Worship and Fellowship** 10 am
Everyone is welcome to join is to worship God in person or via live stream and stay for refreshments.
Greens Workshop 11 am
Thanks to Diana Fiske for leading this delightful tradition.

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no matter where you are
on your journey of faith.

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