

Communion *Communion will be received by intinction, walking forward. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher. Gluten free communion is available from the pastor.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving projected

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Receiving

***Song** Come and Behold Him Songbook #35

***Benediction**

***Carrying Out the Light** *(Please remain in pew until the light has been carried out.)*

***Going Forth** We're Marching to Zion Mark Hayes

**Please stand if you are able*

Welcome to Yardley United Methodist Church!

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December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

9 a.m. Celebration Service

You are encouraged to use the time of music being played in the Centering to quietly center yourself for worship.
We request that you silence your cell phone.

Centering for Worship Come and Behold Him J. Chisum & G. Searcy

Welcome

Please refer to the announcements in the bulletin. Please take a moment to sign the welcome card in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Gathering Words

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***Praise Songs** My Life Is in You, Lord Songbook #165
Purify My Heart Songbook #184

Advent Candlelighting

Hope Candle

Leader: God of hope and promise, protection and strength,
you made covenant with us to send your presence to earth.
God of hope and endurance, you foretold the coming kingdom of God.

**People: We are your people, O God,
and we affirm your covenant with us.
We stand ready, hearts full of hope,
for you will fulfill the promises made to all your people.
Psalm 25 says, "All the Lord's paths are loving and
faithful for those who keep his covenant and laws."**

Leader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle of hope
to remind us to stand alert and seek the kingdom of God in our midst.

(Light one purple candle.)

Candlelighting Song Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (*stanza 1*) Hymnal #196
*Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.*

Children's Moments

Children are invited to come forward to receive communion. All children are welcome, and parents may accompany them.

The Lord's Prayer

Following the Lord's Prayer, children age Preschool through 3rd grade are dismissed to go with their teachers to Sunday School.

*Passing the Peace

***Song** All Hail, King Jesus Songbook #4

Sharing the Faith

Prayer

Special Music Did You Hear the Story Stan Pethel

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16 Pew Bible pg. 694 O.T.

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36 Pew Bible pg. 80 N.T.

Message: Yardley: This is Why! "We Are a Blessing to the Community"
Mitch Harris, Bill Rymer

Following the message, children grades 4th and 5th are dismissed to sing with the Children's Singing Troupe.

***Song** I Could Sing of Your Love Forever Songbook #103

The Offering

Offertory Be Born in Me Nordeman & Herms, Arr. J. Cumberland

***Response** Doxology sung to the tune of "What Child Is This"
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Offering Prayer

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