



Kilmarnock Baptist Church

Welcome to Worship!

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Order of Worship

Please quiet voices, hearts, and cell phones in preparation for worship.

Preparation

The word “Advent” means “expectation”. What Advent can do for us is create a sense of hope.

- Louie Giglio

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus arr: Edward Broughton

Welcome and Announcements

Bob Gray

Call to Worship

Lift Up Your Eyes

Joel Raney

Leader: During Advent, God's promise illuminates our hope.

People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Leader: In times of fear, we place our hope in the One who brings peace.

People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Leader: In times of grief, we place our hope in the One who offers comfort.

People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Leader: In times of wondering, we place our hope in the One who speaks truth.

People: On those living in the land of darkness, a light has dawned.

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Susan and Wayne Rogers

This morning, we light the **first candle**, which reminds us that our hope is the everlasting God who pierces the darkness of this world and reaches into the brokenness of our lives, granting the promise of a new tomorrow.

Congregational Response

Lift Up Your Eyes

Lift up your eyes and see the light surround you;

With radiant hope, illuminate the night.

Lift up your voice and sing, let earth and heaven ring.

Lift up your eyes and see the everlasting light.

Advent Prayer

Gracious Lord, as we move from darkness to light throughout our Advent journey, open our eyes to see your unveiled glory. Guide us, we pray, as we join the refrain of faith. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Hymn of Praise* 80

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for, with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.*

*At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"*

Leader: A reading from the book of Jeremiah, chapter 33, verses 14 through 16:

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'
(NRSV)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: A reading from the epistle to the 1 Thessalonians, chapter 3, verses 9 through 13.

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.
(NRSV)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O Come, O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show and teach us in its ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with Heaven's peace
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

Offertory Prayer

Kevin Crowder

Offertory

Communion With Jesus

Colin Curtis

Doxology

Gospel Reading

Luke 21: 25 - 36

Margaret Denkinger

"Leader: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke, chapter 21, verses 25 through 36.

²⁵'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees;³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

(NRSV)

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People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Anticipation"

Kevin Crowder

Choral Anthem

Christmas Communion Song

Susan Naylor Callaway

Communion

The Bread

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

Praetorius

The Cup

Coventry Carol

Prayer

Kevin Crowder

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation Hymn * † 83

Arise, your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey.

Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;

Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,

Bind up the broken hearted ones, and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!

Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

Benediction

Kevin Crowder

Postlude

The Advent of Our God

Edward Broughton

Chimes



* If you are able, please stand.

† If you have decided to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and/or join the Kilmarnock Baptist Church family, you may signal that by coming forward to meet the minister during the final hymn.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Personnel Committee – Monday, Dec. 2nd at 1:00 pm

Kilmarnock Garden Club – Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, from 11:00 to 1:30 – Making wreaths

Bible Study – Wednesdays at 9:30 am, ALL are welcome.

Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Deacons Brunch – Sat., Dec. 7th from 11:00 to 1:00, at Keith & Edna Masons' house

UPCOMING: CELTIC CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAM:

On Thursday, December 19th, at 5:00 pm, we will have a special music performance of the Grace Celtic Musicians, “*Christmas by Candlelight*”, traditional Christmas favorites and fun new tunes will delight you. Don’t forget to mark it on your calendar. And please tell your family and friends to mark it on their calendars too. (See flyer on back page.)

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON ON DECEMBER 15th:

Please fill out an RSVP form for the Christmas Luncheon and place it in one of the boxes at the front or middle vestibules, or in the office. Please join us after worship!





2024 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Sunday, December 15th
RSVPs are due by December 8th

Name: _____

Total Number Attending: _____

POINSETTIAS:

It is time to purchase poinsettias for the sanctuary. They will cost \$17.50 each. Please place an order form, plus payment, in one of the boxes at the side or front doors, or in the office. Thank you for helping to make our church beautiful for Christmas. - Diane Gray

	2024 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM	
<p>To place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete this form and place it into the red box.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The cost is \$17.50.</p> <p>YOUR NAME: _____</p> <p>YOUR PHONE or EMAIL: _____</p> <p>Given by _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">_____ in memory of (OR) _____ in honor of</p> <p>_____</p>		

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Christmas by Candlelight

A Celtic Christmas Music Program

featuring

Grace Celtic Musicians

Laura Rowe, flutes ✦ Nina Buzby, cello, ✦ Cheryl Davis, piano



A Magical Evening of:
Traditional Tunes and Stories
Lullabies for the Christmas Baby
Christmas Joy for All



Thursday
December 19, 2024
5:00 p.m.

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