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**PRAYER SERVICE**

**After Church Service Sanctuary**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**11:00 A.M. November 29, 2020**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: # 360 “Let All Things Now Living”*

**\*INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)**

Sovereign Lord, we are so blessed to have you in our life. Life has no purpose without you. We are the most blessed people in the world to have you as the treasure of our heart. We thank you for all the blessings you have poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Lord. We will forever praise you for your unconditional love toward us. We desire nothing more than your presence in our lives. May your holy name be glorified in all that we do. Through you we have all that we need and more. We continue to pray for our people in Artsakh who continue to seek shelter. We pray that you continue to

bless them so that they are not left without a home. We pray that you continue to protect them from their enemies so that they are protected from any further harm. May they find peace and love from you as they put their trust in you. We give you all the glory and honor, who taught us to pray,

“Our Father, Who art in heaven….”

**\*GLORIA PATRI**- *#79* *Glory be to the Father and to the* Son a*nd to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

**RESPONSIVE READING:** *Psalm 19*

**PASTOR:** The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**PEOPLE: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge.** **There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.**

**PASTOR:** Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

**PEOPLE: It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat.**

**PASTOR:** The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statues of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

**PEOPLE:** **The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

**PASTOR:** The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.

**PEOPLE:** **They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.**

**PASTOR:** By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

**PEOPLE:** **Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.**

**UNISON: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**NOTICES AND CONCERNS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

**\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED (in unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SONG:** *“Forever”*

*“Park Enk Menk Dalis Qez”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Luke 12:16-21 (p. 1617)*

**ENGLISH SERMON: Being Rich Toward God**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Luke 12:13-15(p. 1617)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: Heavenly Treasures vs Earthly Treasures**

**\*HAYR MER *-*** *#275*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Park Kéz Dér, Asdvadz Mér"**

**QUIET MEDITATION**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

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***\*Congregation is requested to stand. \*\*\* Latecomers may be seated***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPING WITH US,** especially guests. We extend a very cordial welcome to newcomers to take part in the worship, to engage in the activities of the Church and make this your church home.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Artsakh and Armenia, and for the many Armenian causalities, injured soldiers and civilians.

**Church Schedule:**

1. **Prayer** on Sundays after Church Service in the Sanctuary.
2. **Monday prayer** 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
3. **Wednesday Bible Study** is being held every Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. online via Zoom app.
4. We will continue to provide **online Sunday Service** while we meet in person via Facebook live streaming. It will be posted, so you can watch it over again. It will also be posted on our website/YouTube by next day, Monday.