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**PRAYER SERVICE**

**After Church Service Sanctuary**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**11:00 A.M. December 13, 2020**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN***: #111“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

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

Sovereign Lord, we continue to celebrate Advent as we remember the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is His birth that changed the course of life for everyone that has lived. As we remember the birth of Jesus, we never want to forget how much you gave of yourself to bring us back to you. Thank for you Father for your Son Jesus, through whom we have peace with you and the hope of eternal life. We pray that you help our nation to lead us with your wisdom and fear so we can live peacefully. We pray for our president and his administration to follow the guidelines of your Word to administer justice for all. We pray that you continue to help those families who have been affected by the pandemic that has caused so many lives to be lost and so many who are suffering. We continue to pray the people in Artsakh. Lord we ask that you continue to help them with their daily basic needs for shelter, healing, and comfort. Protect them from their enemies under your wings. 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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**RESPONSIVE READING*: Advent***

**PASTOR:** O God, who prepared the hearts and minds of people years ago for the coming of your Son, prepare now our hearts and minds to receive him anew, that he might dwell within us.

**PEOPLE: Make our spirits ready for the wonder of your glory and fullness of your blessing.**

**PASTOR:** As people of old waited in anticipation of his coming, prepare our minds to receive him.

**PEOPLE: As they longed for the day when God would reveal himself through his Son, purify our hearts that he might enter in.**

**PASTOR:** As they looked forward to the day of the promised coming of the Anointed One, draw our spirits nearer to you that we might receive him.

**PEOPLE:** **As they listened to the prophets foretell the coming of the Prince of Peace, remove hatred and strife from our lives that we might receive him.**

**PASTOR:** As the messenger, John the Baptist, preached repentance to prepare the way of the Lord,

**PEOPLE:** **So may we live in preparation for the coming of your kingdom.**

**PASTOR:** As the Wise Men brought their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Christ Child,

**PEOPLE:** **So may we offer ourselves and our substance.**

**PASTOR:** O Lord, we pray that the message of the heavenly host, “Peace on earth, good will toward men” ever find echo in our hearts, and be practiced in our lives.

**UNISON: O come, O come, Emmanuel, come into our minds, our hearts, and our lives today. Amen.**

**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 HYMN:** *#124“The First Noel”*

**ENGLISH SCRIPTURE:** *Luke 13:6-9 (p. 1620)*

**ENGLISH SERMON:  True and Genuine Spirit-Fruit Filled Life**

**ARMENIAN SCRIPTURE:** *Luke 13:1-5 (pp. 1619-1620)*

**ARMENIAN SERMON: True Repentance or Judgment**

**\*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.

**ACC SANCTURARY** will be open next Sunday, December 20th to celebrate Christmas.

**CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS:** Please continue praying for Artsakh and Armenia.

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES** are available by the entrance of the church. Those of you who have made a pledge may pick up your envelopes after the Service. Pledge cards are available for those who have not yet made their pledge for 2021; you may obtain them from the Church Office.

**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.