

First Church in Pembroke
Communion Sunday Service
December 01, 2024, 10:00 AM
The 1st Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship
“God’s Appointed Time”
By: Pastor Joy Matos

PRELUDE: Silent Meditation (Contemplative Music)

MEDITATION: (Matthew 24:36, 42-44)

³⁶ "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father... ⁴² "Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also, must be ready because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(Any congregants, please speak loudly!)*

Greet your Church Family: Please turn to your left and right to meet fellow members of FCIP.

TODAY WE ARE LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Congregation in BOLD

P: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

C: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

P: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C: He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

ALL: Glory be to God!

OPENING HYMN: (Please Stand) #404 (Red Hymnal) Take My Life and Let It Be

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (All, please speak slowly)

Almighty God, you are worthy of honor and glory. As we remember the great gift of your Son, Jesus, we are humbled with gratitude. You did not send him as a mighty warrior to conquer the world by force, as so many expected. You sent him – at just the right time – as a tiny baby born in a stable. Most people were unaware that the Savior of the world had come, but you revealed your plan to a few. As we enter this Advent season, open our eyes that we may see you working in our midst so that we may join you in the work that you have called us to do. We ask this in the precious name of Jesus our Savior. Amen

CALL TO PRAISE *(Congregation in BOLD)*

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up unto the Lord.

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

GLORIA PATRI *(Sung in Unison)*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 4:4-7

SERMON: “God’s Appointed Time” (Pastor Joy Matos)

COMMUNION HYMN: (Please Stand) “A Communion Hymn for Christmas”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: (Pastor)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION:

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP:

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

In this bread and this cup, we have recognized your body and blood, given for us that we might have eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, our sins. Work in our minds and in our hearts by your Holy Spirit that we might become more and more like Jesus. We want to be used of you, dear God, to faithfully demonstrate your love in this world. We surrender our lives to you. In Jesus' name. Amen

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”
(Ushers Will Pass The Collection Plates)

DOXOLOGY: #515 (RED HYMNAL) “Praise God Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Pastor)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (Pastor)

SILENT PRAYER:

PASTORAL PRAYER:

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. Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE: (Musical Interlude)

CLOSING HYMN: (Please Stand) #110 (Red Hymnal) O Come, O Come Emmanuel

BENEDICTION: (In Unison & Hold Hands)

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other Amen.

POSTLUDE: (Contemplative Music)