



1st Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022 — 8:30 am Service  
Order of Worship  
FM Frequency 99.3  
Text: 419-482-8227

Lighting of the Advent Wreath/Peace

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore." Isaiah 9:6-7*

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, give grace to us to reflect prayerfully on our love for you and our neighbor. Make us warm-hearted and generous people and make us mindful of the many gifts you bestow upon us. We ask that your Holy Spirit will inspire and direct us in our choice of giving, remembering that we are only giving back that which is truly yours. Strengthen us, Lord, to meet this challenge according to your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who has given all that we might live.

AMEN.

Hymn: ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

Great is Thy faithfulness  
O God my Father  
There is no shadow  
Of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not,  
They compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been  
Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness  
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Morning by morning  
New mercies I see;  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter  
And springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon, and stars  
In their courses above  
Join with all nature  
In manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness  
Mercy, and love

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Pardon for sin  
And a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence  
To cheer and to guide  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine  
With ten thousand beside

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## Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the Inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

**A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**A. Amen.**

## Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**A: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**A: Amen.**

## This Is The Feast

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

**A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory of our god, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:6-12

*"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and*

*your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts."*

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

*"We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us."*

Luke 21:1-4

*"Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, 'Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.'"*

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**A. Thanks be to God!**

Sermon — *"Generous Grace"* Youth Direct Aaron Williams

Apostle's Creed

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: ***Break Now The Bread Of Life***

Break now the bread of life  
Dear Lord, to me  
As once you broke the loaves  
Beside the sea  
Beyond the sacred page  
I seek you, Lord  
My spirit waits for you  
O living word

Bless you own truth, dear Lord  
To me, to me  
As when you blest the bread  
By Galilee

Then shall all bondage cease  
All fetters fall  
And I shall find my peace  
My All in All

You are the bread of life  
O Lord, to me  
Your holy Word the truth  
That rescues me  
Give me to eat and live  
With you above  
Teach me to love your truth  
For you are love

Oh, send your Spirit, Lord  
Now unto me  
That he may touch my eyes  
And make me see  
Show me the truth concealed  
Within your Word  
And in your book revealed  
I see my Lord

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Lamb Of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Words Of Institution

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, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

**A: Amen.**

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

**A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.**

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Benediction

L: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

**A: Amen.**

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Serve the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God!**

Closing Hymn: ***On Jordan's Banks The Baptist's Cry***

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh  
Awake and hearken for he brings  
Glad tidings of the Kings of kings

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin  
Make straight the way for God within  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there

We hail you as our Savior, Lord  
Our refuge and our great reward  
Without your grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore  
And make us rise to fall no more  
Oh, let your face upon us shine  
And fill the world with love divine

All praise to you, eternal Son  
Whose advent has our freedom won  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit, evermore

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***"For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord" 2 Corinthians 8:3***

# Sermon Notes

## Generous Grace

- ◆ What are ways we can lose focus on the reason we give?
- ◆ How do the widow and the Macedonians encourage your attitude in giving?
- ◆ Bible Studies on giving:
  - ◆ <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/library/custom/51724>