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Advent I

Therefore, keep awake--for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake. Mark 13:35-37

RULING ELDERS (SESSION)

Class of 2017
 Travis Dailey (Building & Grounds)
 Debra Kereczman (Outreach)
 Robert McCreary (Nominating)
 Judith Yarwood (Clerk of Session)

Class of 2018
 Jean Hamilton (Senior Ministry)
 Alison Hutchinson (Worship & Music)
 Patricia Matos (Christian Formation)
 Frank Richards (Finance & Technology)

Class of 2019
 Alan Beavers (Human Resources)
 Jean Cleary (Mission)
 Roger Cook (Membership)
 Brian Kocsi (Finance & Technology)

BOARD OF DEACONS

Class of 2017
 Linda Anspach (Moderator)
 Bill Frick (Treasurer)
 Nina Good

Class of 2018
 Sarah Johnson
 Laurie Martin
 Mary Parks

Class of 2019
 Marilyn Cook (Secretary)
 Judy Kline
 Louise Plakans

Communion Sundays 2017:

January 29
 March 5
 April 13 (Maundy Thursday)
 April 23
 June 4 (Pentecost)
 July 16
 August 20
 September 10
 October 1 (World Communion)
 November 5
 December 3



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December 3, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Nursery Care / Walker / Wheelchair / Large Print Bibles & Bulletins / Hearing Assist System Available

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

1st Sunday of Advent / Communion

Welcome to Wayside and to the first Sunday in the season of Advent. We're glad you are with us as we begin this spiritual journey toward Christmas. We'd love for you to stay with us into the New Year and sample the ministry opportunities we have for children, youth, and adults. We have found the faith, friends, and fellowship of Wayside Church to be the right support and challenge we need to live the Christian life in today's culture. If we can serve you in some way, please let us know as we pass the Fellowship Pads and greet the Pastor after the service. May this new week in life be blessed!

**Please stand in body, mind or spirit as able*

Gathering Music

Elina Sergejev

Welcome / Our Life & Witness / Passing the Peace of Christ *Pastor Steve*
The Lord be with be with you. And also with you.

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 64)

Pete Rozea, Liturgist

L: Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!

P: Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

L: You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?

P: Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (one purple candle is lit)

Fred Pargeon

***Hymn 153** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

We bow our hearts, O Lord, in worship and in this confession. We admit we have accepted your invitation to come to your Table without examining ourselves. We have presumed upon your grace without making the changes in our lives that conform to your will. Forgive us of the sins you already know about, and which we now name in this prayer. Do not stay angry with us forever, but grant us your peace and newness of life as we turn to the Christ who came, and who comes into the world to save us.

(continue in silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon Reading of 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
L: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.
P: In Jesus Christ we are, I am, forgiven.

Liturgist

***Hymn 734** Glory Be to the Father / *Gloria Patri*

Scripture Reading Mark 13:24-37

Liturgist

Anthem Will We Know Him? / *Don Besig & Nancy Price*

Kids' Message

Giving of Ourselves in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

***Hymn 34** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow / *Doxology*

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Morning Meditation Watches of the Night: Evening

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (by distribution, *assisted by Sue Chambers, Jean Cleary, Marie Glass, Joy Temple Ray, & Ray Trout*)

***Hymn 161** People, Look East

*Charge & Benediction

*Parting Music

Please join us for a time of refreshment and fellowship in the narthex between services. Our Adult Bible Study Class (Questors) begins at 11:00. You are also invited to enjoy the opening music (and more) of the contemporary service starting at 11:00 before leaving Wayside for the day. See you next week as we continue the season of Advent!

