

# P O M P T O N R E F O R M E D C H U R C H

*Our Vision: A world where all experience and share the love and grace of Jesus Christ.*

December 2, 2018

(\*Please stand if you are able)

11:00 a.m.

*... THE APPROACH TO GOD...*

**Prelude**

**Greeting/Prayer**

**Introit: #140 (Blue)**                    *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*

**Lighting the First Advent Candle – Hope**     Chalie & Carolee Quant

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**Call to Worship**

We begin our journey to Bethlehem,

**For an encounter with Jesus the Christ, we walk.**

On this day of anticipation and hope, surrounded by days of doubt, worry and fear,

**We must make our way to find the Christ child.**

**It is there in his presence that God's promise will be fulfilled and so will we.**

**\*Opening Hymn: #135 (Blue)**     *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

**Advent Prayer**

**Dear God, we have much to do and we are not sure we will be ready for the day of your coming. In Advent's light, help us to see what is important; to be who you want us to be, and to do what you would have us do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Advent Preparation**

Matthew 24:42-44

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

**Church Life**

**Music Ministry**

*"Every Valley"*

J.N. Beck (Isaiah 40:4,5)

**Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology: #104 (Blue)**      *“There’s Just Something About That Name”*

***THE WORD OF GOD...***

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:2-4; 3:17-19

*“The Dangerous Word”*

***...OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD...***

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Belgic Confession, Art. 10 part 1

We believe that Jesus Christ, according to his divine nature, is the only Son of God – eternally begotten, not made or created, for then he would be a creature. He is one in essence with the Father; coeternal; the exact image of the person of the Father and the “reflection of God’s glory”, being like the Father in all things.

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper by intinction – (see insert)**

**Prayers of the People and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: #142 (Blue)**      *“Long Ago, Prophets Knew” v. 1&2*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Following worship please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments.**

Today's Scripture

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:2-4; 3:17-19

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous - therefore judgment comes forth perverted. <sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup> Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. <sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails, and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls, <sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation. <sup>19</sup> GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights. To the leader: with stringed instruments.

#### **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Pastor:	Pastor Nathan Busker
Liturgist:	Lucas Spann
Music Director:	Patricia Kitchell
Organist:	Scott Burzynski
Bell Choir Director:	Janine Maletsky
Ushers:	Bruce Davis- Co-Captain, Jeff Romain – Co-Captain, Carole Romain, Drew Altofer, Eva Terhune

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