

Order of Worship

Words for the Beginning - Advent Week 3

December 15, 2024 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Plain Hunt Tower Ring

Traditional

Angel and Clarendon Ringers

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: In a weary and worn world, how do we begin again?
Where do we start?

People: Let us start small.

Let us begin with what is right in front of us.

Let us do the good that is ours to do, and let us do it with joy!

Leader: Yes, let us begin with joy.

Today we light the candles of hope, peace, and joy.

People: May these lights remind us of what could be.

May these lights inspire action.

May the warmth of these lights fill us with joy.

Leader: May it be so!

People: Amen.

Hymn

You'll Come

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Liberating God,
There are days when the world can feel like it's crumbling.
There are days when we doubt that we can make a difference.
We ask ourselves:
What could these two hands do? What could this one voice say?

People: Shake us free of our own paralysis and self-doubt.

Remind us that we are not called to fix everything.

We are simply called to do the good that is ours to do.

With hope in our hearts and a fire in our bones, we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines

Leader: Friends, no matter how many times
we lose momentum, doubt our own ability,
or tell ourselves that the problems of the world are simply too big,
God sees what we cannot.
God calls us by name, surrounds us in grace, and invites us to begin again.
Trusting in this good news,
join me in proclaiming these words of forgiveness:

**All: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are invited to do the good
that is ours to do. Thanks be to God for this new beginning. Amen.**

Anthem

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Michael Bedford

Children's Choir, Kendra Craven, flute

Children's Message

Scripture

Jeremiah 18:1-6

John 6:19-20

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Words for the Beginning: Do the Good That Is Yours to Do

Lisa Gibbs-Smith

Prayer of the People

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Offering

You are invited to make your offering to support the ministry and mission of Clarendon UMC.

*You may text to give at 84321 or go to the Online Worship page of our website
and click "Make your online offering."*

Sending Forth

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Benediction

Rev. Wines

Postlude

Fanfare

Matthias

Steve McBride, organ

This morning we welcome flutist **Kendra Craven!** Kendra recently retired from the U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own", where she served for 26 years. She holds degrees from Lawrence University and The University of North Texas. Kendra lives in Alexandria with her husband and 2 children and currently teaches and freelances in the area.

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