



*The People of God in Worship*

*December 1st, 2019*

*Eleven O'clock in the Morning*

*First Sunday of Advent: HOPE*

**THE GREETING**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

To our Guests, Members, and Friends: In the pew rack you will find a small brochure to give us the opportunity to get to know you and serve you better. Fill in where appropriate, and place it in the collection plate. Welcome and thank you!

**THE PRELUDE**

Please consider the prelude as an invitation to quietly, reverently prepare yourself for worship.

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE**

Caroline & Janna Russell

Leader: We come from a world of darkness

**People: into Christ's world of light.**

Leader: We come from a world of weariness

**People: into God's strength and hope.**

Leader: We come from a slumbering world.

**ALL: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ.**

**\*THE INVOCATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

Caroline & Janna Russell & The Community

*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.*

**\*ADVENT SONG** (printed in pew rack)

*On This Day Earth Shall Ring*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 11:1-6

Caroline & Janna Russell

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN No. 244**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

Greeting: The peace of Christ be with you!

**Reply: And also with you!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Matthew 1:1-17

Caroline & Janna Russell

Leader: A word from God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF COMMUNITY, THE MORNING  
PRAYER, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**\*HYMN No. 245**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**THE GIFTS**

Offertory Moment and Prayer

Caroline & Janna Russell

Offertory Music

*Advent Alleluia*

arr. By Keith Christopher

\*Doxology - No. 815

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**THE MESSAGE**

**No Doubt**

The Rev. Dr. Martha D. Kearse

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

The Community

All are invited to share the bread and the cup, waiting for all to be served.

The Bread: This is my body which is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.

The Cup: This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

**\*HYMN No. 265**

*The First Noël*

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Peakland Choir

Stewardship Emphasis:

The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday of Hope. Our offerings are always given in the hope that they go toward a world more filled with love, a world more filled with joy and peace. On this Sunday of Hope, we give believing that God is at work in the world and that our hope is placed in God's faithful and reliable hands.

Prayer:

*Lord, we give you thanks for the ways that you have been faithful to us and that we have experienced you in our lives. We make our offering today in the hope that we will continue to be conscious of your presence and that we might be part of spreading hope to the world. Amen*

***Peakland's Week for Volunteering at the  
Rivermont Food Pantry  
December 2nd—6th  
Please sign up in the narthex today. Thank you!***

Advent booklets are available in the breezeway. These were donated by  
Dwight & Vicki Mays. Thank you.

The collection bin for the Jericho Toy drive is in the breezeway as well. Toys can be dropped off until December 16th.



