Our Service of Worship on the Lord's Day (Rom. 12:1 – NAS)

Sunday 10:27 a.m. November 29, 2020

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Jesus Is Lord

Sing Praises & Prayers to: Father-JesusChrist-HolySpirit

Call to Worship: Psalm 33:18-22 (NAS)

** Opening Song #187 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

** Invocation

Congregational Prayer of Confession: (See Bulletin Insert)

** #204 **Responsive Reading**: Come, Christ!

We sing of Christ's first coming, while hoping for His return:

** #207 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

** #218 "Thou didst Leave Thy Throne"

Lighting of the first Advent candle: 3098

Scripture: *Isaiah 63:15-64:1* (NAS) & *Mark 13:32-37* (RSV)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

We declare God came to offer His glorious Redemption to all:

** #297 "Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul"

Message: We may beg Yahweh, our redeeming Father, to come from heaven

** Closing Hymn #186 "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

** **Benediction:** *Romans 15:7-13* (NAS)

** Congregation Please Stand

We welcome you to our time of worship this morning. Thanks for being with us today!

People arriving after 10:15 are encouraged to join in singing to the Lord, or to focus on the Lord by reflecting on the words of the songs, or otherwise communing with God.

This Week at the Church

Thursday 3:00 PM -- Prayer in Parlor

Sunday 9:30 AM -- Music Team Practice

10:30 AM -- Advent Sunday Worship

The Lord will suddenly come again to deliver Peace

The *Discovery Bible Study* at 9:00 AM in the parlor is now on hold. A ten-page Bible study on submitting to Christ is available for independent study. See July *Vestry Voices*.

Articles for the December *Vestry Voices* are due by Monday, November 30 at 1:00 PM.

The Christmas gifts for residents of Sterling Village are due at the church by Sunday, December 20.

We are giving people the opportunity to worship virtually. A video of our worship (on a one week delay) airs on Comcast (Xfinity) Clinton channels 8 and 99 on Mondays at 8:00 PM, Tuesdays at 6:30 AM, and Sundays at 5:30 AM. To listen to last week's sermon: Go to fccclintonma.org. On the left hand side go to 'Blog Postings' and click on 'Sunday Services'. Under 'Sunday Service – month, day, year' hit the prompt 'Continue Reading ->'. This will bring up PDFs of the Bulletin and Sermon Outline as well as two audios. Click on the big arrow on the left and it will start to play.

Watch for The Redeemer's return

Isaiah 63:15-64:1 & Mark 13:32-37

Notes:

Prayer: To have a request included in the **Pastoral Prayer**, phone the church office and leave a message any time before 9:00 AM on Sunday morning. *Or*, fill out a green 'Prayer Request' card on the back table as you come in and give to the preacher up-front before 10:25 AM.

Text for the week:

For Yahweh Sabaoth says this: A little while now, and I shall shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I shall shake all the nations, and the treasures of all the nations will flow in, and I shall fill this Temple with glory, says Yahweh Sabaoth.

Haggai 2:6-7 (NJB)