



November 28, 2021 - 10:30 AM
First Sunday of Advent

Gathering

Words of Greeting and Life of the Church

Pastor Joseph Place

L: Give thanks to the One who is coming to save us!

P: Hear the voice crying in the wilderness “Make straight the way of the Lord”

John 1:23

L: This is the day that the Lord has made;

P: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude

Weg der Liebe, op. 20

J. Brahms/V. Reynolds

Ryan Gastonguay and Leah Morales, horn duet

Call to Worship

L: Please rise for our call to worship.

L: There will be signs in the heavens
and distress among the nations.

Luke 21:25–36

When Christ returns in power and glory
people will faint with fear.

P: **But when you see these things, lift up your heads:
our redemption is drawing near!**

**Heaven and earth may pass away,
but the Word of God will stand unshaken.**

L: Let us worship God!

(Please Remain Standing)

Opening Hymn #176

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFYDOL

L: Please Be Seated

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**P: Lord, have mercy on us.
We are not ready for your coming.
We live in sin,
as though there were no justice.
We live in fear,
as though there were no grace.
Forgive us, Lord.
Show us your mercy and steadfast love.
Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,
for you are the God of our salvation.**

Ps. 25:4–6

(Silent Confession)

L: Amen.

(Please Stand)

Gloria Patri, Hymn #670

GLORIA PATRI (GRETOREX)

Declaration of Pardon

L: Friends, believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**P: May the Lord guide our way,
strengthen us in all holiness,
and make us abound in love
for one another and for all.**

1 Thess. 3:9–13

L: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

Passing of the Peace (please refrain from physical contact)

(Please be Seated)

Choir Anthem

“Angels Are Making Their Rounds”

Pepper Choplin

Call to Offering

Offertory

You Are God
Leah Morales and Dr. Craig Ralston

Cindy Berry

(Please Stand)

Doxology, Hymn # 668

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

(Please be Seated)

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

L: The Word of our Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God!**

Response, Hymn #201

Emmanuel

McGEE

Sermon

"The Lord is our Righteousness"

Joseph Place

(Please Stand)

Hymn of the Day #177

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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(Remain Standing)

Affirmation of Faith

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

Prayers of the People, concluded with The Lord's Prayer in unison:

**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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

So lass uns wandern! Op. 75 J. Brahms/ V. Reynolds
Ryan Gastonguay and Leah Morales, horn duet

Assisting in Worship:

Liturgist: Tommy Keenan

Ushers: Beth Wingate, Sharon Tootle, Sandy Stamper, Jean Risdon

Larry & Shirley Culver, Mike West & Lolly Platt

Greeter and Coffee Fellowship Coordinator: Karen Thorstad

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Welcome to Mountain Reformed Church!

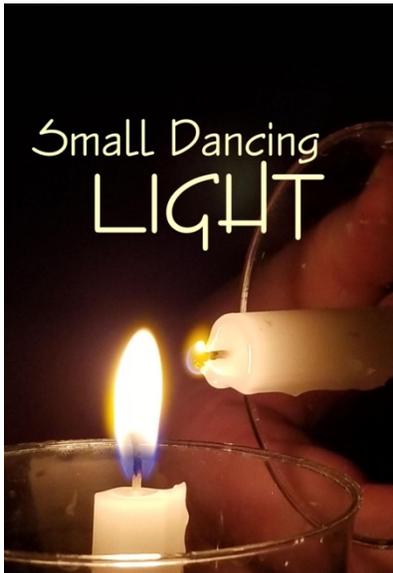
We are so grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today! **The vision** of our church is to provide an open door to relationship with God for all through worship, teaching God's Word, and by celebrating with music and the arts. **Our mission** is simple: **All Glory to God!** Our church is independent and non-denominational, with a theology based in the reformed way of being Christian. Please see our website at www.mountainreformed.org for more information about our church.

MRC Bulletin and Weekly Email

Would you like to place an announcement in the Sunday bulletin or **“This Week at Mountain Reformed Church”** email? Please send your info to josephplace@mountainreformed.org. The deadline is Monday evening of each week for the coming weekend, but we always appreciate as much notice as possible.

COVID-19 precautions:

Mountain Reformed Church seeks to provide in-person worship while maintaining appropriate safety guidelines. According to CDC guidelines, it is recommended that you wear a mask if you are not fully vaccinated for your own protection and the protection of others. Please continue to refrain from physical contact. If you are experiencing fever or symptoms, please stay at home.



**The Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra of
Mountain Reformed Church**

present

SMALL, Dancing LIGHT

A Choral Service for Advent

by Taylor Scott Davis and Terry W. York

Sunday, December 5, 2021

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Prescott Valley Library Auditorium

Please invite your friends to this special event!

Your gifts to the Music Fund support our cantatas and special music events. Our fund-raising goal for 2021 is \$4,500. Thank you for your support!

Prayer Ministry and Prayer Chain

If you would like to be a part of our prayer ministry and prayer chain, please indicate this on the welcome card in your bulletin. Bonnie Pettit coordinates this ministry, and she will send prayer requests to you by email. counselorchick1@yahoo.com

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers in several areas to help facilitate worship:

If you would like to help, please let us know! We need Ushers, Liturgists, Coffee Fellowship Helpers, Setup Assistants, Sound Technicians and Camera Operators.

Flowers - Sheri Simpson coordinates our Flower Ministry. If you would like to commemorate a special occasion by providing flowers, please ask an usher to guide you to the flower sign-up chart.

Non-Profit Corporation Status

We are diligently working to get approval for non-profit, 501(c)(3) status. Until that time your gifts will not be tax deductible, but we need your support. We are making progress! Mountain Reformed Church is now active as a Non-Profit Corporation with the Arizona Corporation Commission. We now have an employee ID number and bank account. Our form and supporting documents for the 501(c)(3) has been filed with the IRS. **We recently received word that the IRS has assigned an agent to our application.** We hope to have good news to report soon! **Please make all checks payable to Mountain Reformed Church.**

11/21/2021 Worship Attendance: 62
Bank Balances as of 11/22/2021: \$12,390

Mountain Reformed Church Expense Budget

Mountain Reformed Church Expense Budget	(reflects our current operating expenses, not all projected expenses)		
	Weekly	Monthly	Annually
Auditorium Rental	\$300.00	\$1300.00	\$15600.00
Choir Room (Civic Center 331)	\$30.00	\$130.00	\$1560.00
Internet Presence (Website, email, streaming license, etc.)	\$17.31	\$75.02	\$900.28
Video Editing	\$150.00	\$650.00	\$7800.00
Printing	\$60.00	\$260.00	\$3120.00
Licensing (Church Copyright License)	\$6.44	\$27.92	\$335.00
Music Expenses (choir music, congregational arrangements, ensemble music)	\$150.00	\$650.00	\$7800.00
Insurance	\$14.77	\$64.00	\$768.00
Joseph Place, Pastor of Worship	\$415.00	\$1800.00	\$21600.00
Ryan Gastonguay, Minister of Music	\$100.00	\$433.00	\$5200.00
Pianists/ Accompanists	\$200.00	\$867.00	\$10400.00
Total Expenses	\$1443.52	\$6256.94	\$75083.28