Liturgy Sunday, November 27,2022

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Minister: All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

Lighting of the Advent Candle Scripture: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Song of Adoration: Hymn #196- "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #47- "The Goodness of Jesus"

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #200- "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Confession of Faith

Minister: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation: The church is a gathering of forgiven sinners, called to be holy, dedicated to service. Saved by the patient grace of God, we deal patiently with others. Knowing our own weaknesses and failures, we bring good news to all sinners with understanding of their condition, and with hope in God. We grieve that the church, which shares one Spirit, on faith, one hope, and spans all time, place, race, and language, has become a broken communion in a broken world. When we struggle for the purity of the church and for the righteousness God demands, we pray for saintly courage. When our pride or blindness blocks the unity of God's household, we seek forgiveness. We marvel that the Lord gathers the broken pieces to do his work, and that he blesses us still with joy, new members, and surprising evidences of unity. We commit ourselves to seeking and expressing the oneness of all who follow Jesus.

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:13-21

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us now confess our sin before the Lord.

Congregation: Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often, we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through your name. Amen. Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Dennis Ferris, Ruling Elder

Song of Preparation: Hymn #646- Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Vitaliy Kuchkovskiy, Highview Bible Church "You Can Make Me Clean"

Scripture: Mark 1:40-45 Outline:

- 1. Shocking Request
- 2. Scandalous Response
- 3. Surprising Reversal

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communicants

Words of Institution

Distribution of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings " I lift my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth." (Psalms 121:1-2) Closing Song: Hymn #384- "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (vs.1)

Benediction