

Advent at Candler

Benediction - Hanging of the Greens

We see signs of the cold, suffering world all around us,

but we know that a light will shine out in the darkness.

The whole earth is waiting for Christ—

Go now into the world as Christ's people,

to shine light and give comfort and make peace

Prayers of the People - 1st Advent Service

As we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

Mighty God, keep your church awake and watchful, that we might see your awesome deeds in unexpected places and through them might make your name known to all people. God of faithfulness,

hear our prayer.

Mighty God, tear open the heavens and reveal your will to the nations, so that all might live in safety and freedom. God of faithfulness,

hear our prayer.

Mighty God, restore to health and wholeness the sick, families in conflict, those afflicted with doubt and despair, and all who live in fear (*especially those who we lift up to you on our lips or silently in our hearts*). God of faithfulness,

hear our prayer.

Mighty God, shape the members of our congregation into vessels fit to serve the needs of the world and one another. God of faithfulness,

hear our prayer.

Mighty God, strengthen us so that, together with all the saints who have gone before us (*especially those who we lift up to you on our lips or silently in our hearts*) that we and they may dwell near you and be found blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God of faithfulness,

hear our prayer.

We call on your name, Mighty One of Israel, and commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in your promise of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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