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# Parish Notes

## Welcome to Worship

### November 29, 2020

For help with Covid-19 needs or Pastoral needs contact Pat Refsdal @ 908-625-2039

*Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Mark 13:24-37

“Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.”

### Worship Service for November 29, 2020

Pastor Lisa Mensinger will not be able to join us this coming Sunday as originally planned. Her mom has contracted Covid-19 and both parents are in the high risk category, so she will remain in Oklahoma to take care of her parents. So, we will adjust and do the First Sunday in Advent Worship Service ourselves with Pastor Lisa providing the gospel/sermon on video. We will light the first candle on our Advent Wreath, talk about how the Advent Season will prepare our Ascension Family for Christmas, and bless with prayer our pledge commitments for 2021.

### Pastoral Transition

Pastor Debra Jimenez will arrive in Utah about Monday or Tuesday this coming week. They plan to close on their house about Wednesday in West Haven. She will meet with the church leadership and the worship team throughout the week, in time for spin-up for the Sunday worship service. Due to Covid-19, plans for meeting Pastor Debra and Jim Jimenez will be developed after her arrival.

### The Advent and Christmas Seasons

We begin this new church year the way we ended things last March...  
in disruption.

When this pandemic began in the spring, we thought we could handle the two or three weeks it would take to subdue the virus— but the virus had other plans. Now we find ourselves many months later still in disruption in every aspect of our lives.

Our Advent wreath this year will reflect this disruption in our plans for the Advent and Christmas seasons: no perfectly coordinated candles and liturgies, rather using what we already have on hand to remind us of the Light coming into the Darkness. Our wreath may be a symbol of our disruption...but the Light hasn't changed.

During the Advent Season, and in keeping with the disruption we are all feeling, we are asking our members to bring in sturdy candleholders of all types with your name on the bottom so they can be returned after Christmas. We are also asking you to bring in your used, mismatched, or broken candles of all colors and shapes. The candles need to be unscented and will not be returned. There will be a container in the narthex where these items will be collected. Thank you for your participation.

### Rehab of the Pastor's Office

We have completed the painting, cleaning the carpets and assembling the new desk. Left to be done is assembling the hutch and moving the bookcases back into the office. Thanks to Arliss Zimmerman who made a new flower arrangement for the office.

**"Together for Joy" Stewardship Sunday is this Sunday, November 29**

This week, you received from the Stewardship Team, a letter and a pledge card in the mail. If you were not able to participate in the service or late getting your pledge card to the Team, you can still take a picture of it and send it to Pat or Sharen or, if needed, you can also call Pat Refsdal, 908-625-2039, with your pledge details, and she can complete a pledge card for you. Thank you for your generosity!! Thanks to Kelly Martin who headed our Stewardship Team this year.

**2021 Annual Congregational Meeting and Council Vacancies**

As a reminder, our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held January 31, 2021 after the worship service at 10:30 AM. We anticipate three Council vacancies, so please consider serving on your Church Council. Ministry Leads, just a reminder that End-of-Year Ministry Final Reports will be due January 4, 2021. Online links will be available for the Annual Congregational Meeting.