

HMC Worship in Sanctuary
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship – 10:45 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023
How Will We Know?

Welcome and Announcements Betty Kurtz

Prelude Samantha Luck
Please use this time to prepare your heart and mind for worship

Call to Worship Betty Kurtz

Leader: Do not ignore this one fact, beloved
that with God one day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like one day.

High voices: God is not slow, as some think of slowness,

Low voices: but is patient with us.

**People: not wanting any to perish
but all to come to repentance.**

Leader: The word of our God will stand forever.

People: How shall we live while we wait for salvation?
(Pause)

All: Together we wait

Gathering Songs *Praise Team
 To Us a Child of Hope is Born VT 259
 Bless'd Be the God of Israel VT 223
 Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called VT 220

Tithes and Offerings Betty Kurtz
Offertory Samantha Luck

Focus Song: *Praise Team
 A Charge to Keep I Have HWB 393

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11 Steven Albang

Sermon: *How Will We Know...What Now?* Pastor Howard

Invitation to an Active Response Pastor Howard
Ponder and write down "one thing you will do while you wait this week."

*Praise Team: Lewi Blosser

Advent Candle Lighting

Betty Kurtz

Leader: Together we wait.

People: God is patient with us, but how do we prepare while we're waiting?

Leader: So, as you go, beloved,
and while you wait for these things,
strive to be found by God at peace.
Do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with our God.

Candle Lighting Song:

Samantha Luck

Longing for Light, Vs. 1&2 VT 715

(Candle brought forward by Evangeline Aude)

Active Response by Congregants (bringing papers to manger at front)

Sending Song:

*Praise Team

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Benediction

Pastor Howard

Postlude

Samantha Luck

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 10: 9:30 am. Adult SS: Acts 19:1-7

Dec. 12: 11:00 am Staff Meeting via ZOOM

Dec. 16: 7:00 am. Men's Prayer Breakfast

Dec. 17: 9:30 am. Adult SS: Acts 23:12-24

10:45 am. Sermon: Pastor Howard

Dec. 19: 10:00 am. Singing Christmas Carols at HMC. This will be an informal gathering of singing those familiar Christmas carols.

Dec. 31: 9:15 am HMC New Year's Breakfast

PRAYERS & SYMPATHIES TO ROTHMAN FAMILY: Virginia Purdy

Rothman passed away December 7. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Ed at 9 Westover Dr., Poquoson, VA 23662. They were attendees at HMC before Virginia exhibited symptoms of Dementia and Parkinsons.

CHRISTMAS THEMED READING Be sure to check the library table in the fellowship hall for Christmas reading through the holiday season. We have fiction, non-fiction, and even a few new books! -Diane and Janelle

In the morning, Lord, you hear our voices; in the morning we lay our requests before you and wait expectantly. Psalm 5:3

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HOW WILL WE KNOW...

WHAT NOW?



Huntington Mennonite Church

December 10, 2023

In response to God's call, we worship God, giving ourselves to God's work of liberating, reconciling, and equipping each person into full ministry as followers of Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of God.

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“One thing you will do while you
wait this week.”

You will be invited to offer it as a praise to God.
Please fold it and place it in the manger
in front of the podium
later in the service.

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