

ADVENT AT PARK AVE.

REORIENTATION

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bold. inclusive.
creative.



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Opening Welcome & Announcements:

Pastor Darci

We are a bold, inclusive creative community. We don't just preach and talk and teach about deconstructing systems and structures of power – we practice it. We are seeking new ways of being that uplift and uphold each other and are a part of new constellations of care that will replace dehumanizing systems of injustice. This is our vision– we hope you jump on our co-creation with us.

Our Covid 19 protocol is that everyone wears masks throughout the service. People serving on stage and as a part of the service have been vaccinated and recently tested negative for Covid 19.

Worship Through Singing

Jill McAfee

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

artist: Hymn

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Come Lord Jesus come

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.
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Call to Worship

Justin Anderson

One: The story begins with hope for a child –

All: A child, born of a woman;

One: This hope is the experience of new parents from then to now

All: Children were and continue to be the hope of our world

One: The child of Jesus is our living hope.

All: Children were and continue to be the hope of our world

One: We remember this child who leads us,

All: Leads us with compassion and recognizing God within

One: This child who will inspire us.

All: We wait with hope for the inspiration we are assured will arrive

One: The child of Jesus is our living hope.

All: Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

One: On this first Sunday of Advent, we give thanks for the coming child,

All: Today we give thanks for the Spirit of God in all children & the miracle to come

Worship Through Singing

"Good Creator"

Jill McAfee

artists: Housefires

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like
But I've heard the tender whispers of love in the dead of night
And you tell me that you're pleased
And that I'm never alone
You're a good creator
It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are
And I'm loved by you
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am
I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only you provide
'Cause you know just what we need
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways
You are perfect in all of your ways to us
Oh, it's love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think
As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still
As you call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

Advent Candle Lighting

with Michael Crute & Justin Anderson

Today we light the first candle of the season of Advent. This candle represents hope. May this light represent hope for us all.

Centering Down and Prayer

Pastor Darci

At Park Ave we recognize the fast-paced world, it is difficult to find quiet and centering practice is essential toward walking on the path of Jesus. We call this "Centering Down" in the tradition of the great mystic and theologian Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman. The practice of centering prayer is ancient and this is how we engage it.

"We invite you into a time of centering down. A time to be still and connect to the oneness of being."

Scripture Reading

Reba Adams

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. ~**Psalms 31:24**

But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. ~**Romans 8:25**

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. ~**Isaiah 40:31**

Worship Through Singing

Jill McAfee

"Simple Gospel"

United Pursuit

I want to know You, Lord

Like I know a friend

I want to know You, Lord

I'm laying down all my religion

I'm laying down

I want to know You, Lord

I used to think that I could box You in

But I'm laying down

I want to know You, Lord

I'm laying down all my religion

I'm laying down

I want to know You, Lord

Lord, I've been told to be ashamed

Lord, I've been told I don't measure up

Lord, I've been told I'm not good enough

But You're here with me

And I reach out and You find me in the dust

You say no amount of untruths can separate us

I will rejoice in the simple gospel

I will rejoice in You, Lord

Children's Moment

Pastor Darci

A Time of Offering & Thanksgiving

Justin Anderson

If you believe in the work of church to atone for the exclusion of the past and invest in communities of faith that focus on recognizing God in all people, then we ask you to consider giving how it fits your budget.

Your non-monetary gifts of presence, creativity, and theological perspective are invaluable.

Text giving: 470-300-1731 & giving of creativity! All Gifts Welcome!

Announcements

Michael Crute

- Next Sunday-Tree Decorating and Hot Apple Cider in the Sanctuary after service!
- December 12 is Magnificat Sunday! Come for a Sunday of Worship and the Arts!
- 2022 Sermon Series Brainstorm - Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 5pm- Want to help in the planning of the 2022 Worship Calendar?
- Help with Hybrid worship!!
- Become a driver for folks to church- ask Pastor Darci about it...

Sermonic Song

Jill McAfee

"You Made a Way"

Travis Greene

Standing here not knowing how we'll get through this test
But holding onto faith You know that
Nothing can catch You by surprise
You got this figured out and You're watching us now

And now we're here
Looking back on where we come from
Because of You and nothing we've done
To deserve the love and mercy You've shown
But Your grace was strong enough to pick us up

But when it looks as if we can't win
You wrap us in Your arm and step in
And everything we need You supply
You got this in control
And now we know that

And You made a way
When our backs were against the wall
And it looked as if it was over
Lord You made a way
And we're standing here
Only because You made a way

You made a way
When our backs were against the wall
And it looked as if it was over
You made a way
And we're standing here
Only because You made a way
You made a way

You move mountains
You cause walls to fall
With Your power
Perform miracles
There is nothing that's impossible
And we're standing here
Only because You made a way

Sermon from a Sojourner

Pastor Henra

Park Avenue Baptist Church has an open pulpit. We invite theologically trained preachers to join our congregation to open our theological perspective to many voices and the many multiplicities of God's presence in the world.

Time For Response

Pastor Darci

Now is the time for us to respond to the message we have heard. We invite you to respond by:

- Sitting in meditation upon the message
 - Sharing prayer requests or thoughts in the chat
 - You may reach out to our pastors or deacons for private prayer
 - If you would like to join our church, reach out via comment or direct message
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Worship Through Singing

Kevin Garcia

"May You Find a Light"

Josh Garrels

Benediction

Pastor Henra Chennault

Now go into the world that is too often unjust, knowing that the God who created you empowers you to love boldly, live inclusively, and serve creatively. Amen!