# First Reformed Church of Cary

FIRST SUNDAY	<b>DF ADVENT</b> Alan Bancroft, Guest Speaker Dr. Loñieta Cornwall, Music Director	November 27, 2016
Prelude	"Jesus, the Light of the World"	L. Cornwall, Piano
Congregational Concerns		
Votum	"Our Help is in the name of the Lord who made the heaven and the earth."	
Choral Introit	"We've Come to Worship You"	Chancel Choir
The Approach to God		
	<b>rship</b> (Based on Psalm 122 and Isaiah 2) /as overjoyed when they said to me, "Let us go to the house	e of the Lord!"

All: In faith, we gather to worship you, O God.
<u>One</u>: This is where you teach us your ways that we may walk in your paths.
All: This is where we hear and act upon your word of peace and justice.
<u>One</u>: So that instruments of war are transformed into tools of production;
<u>All: and nation shall not lift up arms against nation,</u>
<u>One</u>: neither shall they learn war any more.
All: As we hear and obey, we shall surely walk in the light of the Lord!

\*Hymn of Praise #41 "When Morning Guilds the Skies" Choir & Congregation

### Prayer of Confession

In this season of sales, shopping, and stress, God of Light, we confess how easy it is to slip off your paths. We can become so focused on having good times, we forget to take the time to do good for your people. We find ourselves strangely jealous over the gifts others receive, yet have trouble accepting those gifts of peace and serenity you had out so freely. Forgive us, Breath of Salvation. By your mercy, we can once again walk the streets of your kingdom, being alert for the signs of your grace and hope in our midst. Teach us your ways of peace and reconciliation, that we may truly live as the disciples of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### Assurance of Pardon (Romans 13:10)

"Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law." When we love one another with the love of Christ, we seek forgiveness when we have gone wrong and know that we are forgiven.

God loves us, forgives us, and seeks our restoration and wholeness. May we know this, and live.

Hymn #314

"Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground"

Choir & Congregation

**Reception of Gifts & Offerings** 

**Congregational Music** 

"God is so good (3x) He's so good to me He saved my soul (3x) God's so good to me. I'll praise His Name (3x) God's so good to me"

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

### The Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

Meditation "Let us Walk in the Light of the Lord"

# Our Response to God

\*Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

(Page 12 Hymnal)

We are and will continue to be a community that loves and worships God in the Reformed tradition for the purpose of being known as a congregation that actively cares for those in need around us.

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn #215 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" Choir & Congregation

**\*Benediction** *"We'll walk in the Light, Beautiful Light, Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright. Shine all around us by day or by night. Jesus the Light of the world"* 

# \*Postlude

\*Those that are able please stand

<u>WELCOME</u>: Alan Bancroft is a Teaching Elder in the PCUSA and previously served as an Associate Pastor and a Campus Minister in Nashville, TN. His interests include reading, running, golf, being outdoors, and engaging folks in meaningful conversation.

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