

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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We Gather as God's People

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Please take this time to write your prayer concerns online in the live chat, or if onsite use prayer cards and put them in the offering plate.

Prelude

"Lo, How a Rose"

John Ferguson

* Advent Candle Lighting Becky Cantrall, Virginia Hosking

We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God as we watch and wait for Christ's coming!

In the days of exile and uncertainty, ... the mountains tremble before you.

In our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval we also long for deliverance. We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us. We light this candle in hope.

Let us pray ... God of hope we worship you.

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

* Hymn #82 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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.

**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.**

Call to Confession

Like a faded, dry leaf that the wind blows away, our sins dry us up; faded and brittle, we are carried off by the wrongs we have done. Yet God loves us still and is able to restore and renew us with the water of life.

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

God with us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out against you, our neighbor, even those we love.

(Let us pause in silence for reflection and personal confession.)

Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance, that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Response #144 v 4 “In the Bleak Midwinter”

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

Call for the Offering

God has enriched us in every way – in speech, knowledge, and spiritual gifts. From the fellowship of Jesus Christ, we are sent

We Respond to the Word

* Hymn #84 "Creator of the Stars of Night"

**Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
we pray you, hear us when we call.**

**When this old world drew on toward night,
you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child of Mary,
blameless mother mild.**

**At your great name, O Jesus, now
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord,
like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.**

**To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give
thanks and praise.**

(Prayer continues...)

It is indeed right ... pour out Your Holy Spirit ... with those
who sing to your glory: **"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of
power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

Let us together proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

Our Father, who is in Heaven, Holy is Your name. May Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us away from temptation, and deliver us from evil. For Yours are the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

Response

Have all here been served? **Yes.**

Have ALL been served? **Not yet, but one day, with God's help!**

Moment for Mission

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

We Are Sent Forth to Serve

* Hymn #105 v 1, 5 "People, Look East"

**People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.**

**Make your house fair as you are able;
trim the hearth and set the table.**

**People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

**Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

* Benediction

Postlude

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

Herman
Schroeder

* *Those who are able please stand.*

Numbers listed in the bulletin correspond to songs in the purple hymnal, **Glory to God**, which contains words and music for congregational singing. All are encouraged to make a joyful noise! **All rights reserved.** Music reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-730906 & CCLI # 3051311.

Communion liturgy adapted from Eucharistic Prayers, S.Wells & A.Kocher, 2016.

TODAY

Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

Please join us right after worship for coffee and conversation,
hosted by Sheryl Essenburg.

10:45 - Sunday School

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

(Since last Wednesday)

Copies of the Wednesday Prayer List are available in the sanctuary hallway.

- No new updates.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 7 "Hope for Long Nights" service, 7:00 pm

Dec 10 Adult Christmas Party at Bonnie Cartwright's

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*... the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8