

— FIRST SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

First Sunday in Advent

8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

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Welcome! Today begins a new church year with the season of Advent, which means “coming.” This is another year to remember, celebrate, and share the story of Jesus, who has come in the flesh, remains with us in Word and Sacrament and will come again on the last day.

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. We teach that we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We also hold that those who commune with us are making a public confession of the Christian faith as it is taught by our congregation and church body. If you are visiting, please speak with the pastor before coming to the Lord’s Table.

+ Order of Worship +

Song

“Sing to the King”

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, this wreath reminds us that the celebration of our Lord’s first coming draws near. We also remember His continued work among us until His second coming. St Paul writes:

C: You are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming. So enkindle our hearts with Your Holy Spirit that we may receive You with joy and gladness, remaining steadfast in the faith; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are, by nature, sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake, forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit

(Psalm 80:1-7; antiphon, verse 7)

P: Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine that we may be saved!

**C: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

P: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might, and come to save us!

**C: Restore us, O God;
let your face shine that we may be saved!**

P: O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**C: You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

P: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine that we may be saved!

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection, we may be rescued from the threatening peril of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song of Praise

“How Majestic is Your Name”

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all

become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

C: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

**Behold, your King is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord, we bless you.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

P: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

C: You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1-10

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Song

“Glorious Day”

Sermon

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P: Lord, You have given us the stars as markers of days and seasons, and we thank You for bringing us to the beginning of a new Church Year. Keep us faithful and safe as we move through its observances and celebrations. May we willingly and gladly hear the proclamation of Your Son and receive the gifts You so freely bestow upon us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We do not know the time the Son of Man will come for that knowledge belongs only to You, O Lord. Keep us wakeful, watchful and ever ready for His arrival, so that we along with all Your faithful people may be gathered from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord of all authority, as we await the full coming of Your promised Kingdom, be with all who make, administer and judge our laws. May they use the authority that You have given them wisely and according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, You are our Father, hide not Your face from us. Look with kindness especially upon _____ and all who cry out to You in time of need. According to Your will, give healing to the sick, comfort to those who mourn and perseverance to those who suffer for the sake of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, You have given us those who serve in Your name and with Your authority to protect our freedoms and ensure our safety. We thank You for all those who are serving or have served in our military as well as for police, firefighters and all those who have put their lives at risk for us. Grant them integrity and compassion in their duties and protect them from all evil. Grant us grateful hearts for their service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord, of all nations, grant to Your children everywhere love and care for neighbor that we may dwell in godliness, peace, security and contentment. Remove all discord and hatred from us that we may value those whom You have created and those whom You have redeemed in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord, even as we await Your coming in glory, You come to us here and now in the bread and wine that is the body and blood of Your Son. May all who approach Your table today receive the Sacrament worthily, so that with sins forgiven and faith strengthened Your people lack no gift as they await the revealing of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We remember with thankfulness all the faithful who have gone before us and are now with You. Preserve and sustain us until the end, so that we will all be presented guiltless before You in the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: *(Other specific petitions)* Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Offertory

“Give Thanks”

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Preface to the Lord’s Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

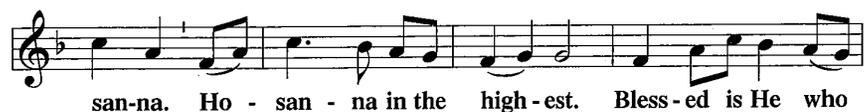
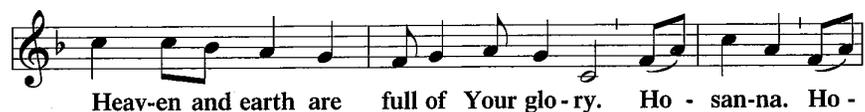
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly, good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God, who takes away the son of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of Christ's body and blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship; with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

(Spoken by the pastor)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

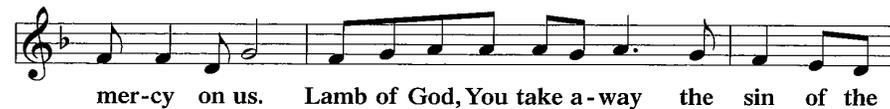
In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

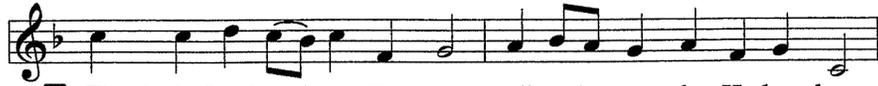


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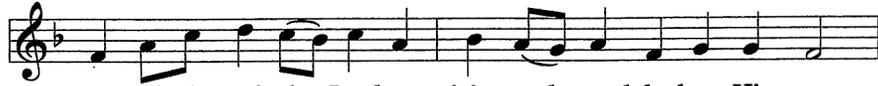
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

“One Thing Remains”

Post Communion Canticle



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who, in loving-kindness sent Your only begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that, for His sake, You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.