



First Sunday of Advent

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8:30 am Worship

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Use this blessing when lighting the first candle.

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of new beginnings, we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✠ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

"Fling Wide the Door"

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THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kelly Rodenschmidt and Jean Powell

WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm

Psalm 122

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

Yvonne Smith

SERMON SONG

“My Lord, What a Morning”

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APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION: All are welcome!

Receive the wafer and choose the wine (light) or juice (dark).

COMMUNION SONG “*Lamb of God*”

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG “*The King Shall Come*” (v.1, 4-5) #260

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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