

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 3, 2017      December 3, 2017 AD (The First Sunday of Advent)      11:00 a.m.

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INTROIT

*In Night's Dim Shadows*

Robert Lehman

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The David Deaton family will light the Psalmist candle.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 80:1-3, 18-19)

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

**People: You Who lead us like a flock!**

Leader: You Who are enthroned upon the cherubim,

**People: Stir up Your might, and come to save us!**

Leader: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved,

**People: Then we will never turn back from You.**

Leader: Give us life, so that we may call on Your name;

**People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.**

HYMN #2

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God most merciful: we confess that we have not expected Your coming kingdom. We have lived casual lives, and have ignored Your promised judgment. We have acknowledged ourselves to be sinners, yet we are slow to change our ungodly ways. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve You. Forgive us, for the sake of Your faithful servant Jesus Christ, our Savior, Whose glorious kingdom we eagerly await. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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**PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

HYMN OF OUR YOUNG CHURCH (*insert*)

*Canticle of the Turning*

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM *Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People* Genevan Psalter Melody  
arr. R.J. Powell

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**First Corinthians 1:3-9**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON

**“An Ideal to be Realized—A Reality to be Lived”** Rev. Curtis Christian

\*HYMN #5

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
verses 1 and 2

PICARDY

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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, dead, 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Gloria*

Gloria Patri

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Marshall-Moretz Dinner

Linda Adams

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Amen*

Lehman

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN #11

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

*Fling Wide Your Gates, O Zion* BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

**Today's Lay Reader is Jackie Vance.**