

## THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 7, 2025

The Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

#### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Overture*

G. F. Händel

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The candle of Peace will be lit by Gene and Joyce Wolf.*

INTROIT

*Justice Shall Flourish in His Time* (from Psalm 72:17)

M. Haugen

Ashlyn Taylor and Beth Underwood, soloists

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 72:5-7, 18-19)

Leader: Blessed be You, O LORD, the God of Israel;

**People: You alone do wondrous things.**

Leader: Blessed be Your glorious name forever;

**People: May Your glory fill all the earth.**

Leader: May Your Anointed One live while the sun endures, O God;

**People: May He live as long as the moon illumines the night.**

Leader: In His days may righteousness flourish,

**People: And may peace abound, until the moon is no more.**

\*HYMN #69

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O most merciful Father: we have failed to prepare our hearts for Your coming Kingdom, and we are insensitive to Your presence among us. Forgive us for being so easily defeated by the power of sin. Come into our lives, O God, and protect us by Your strength. Save us from our evil ways and renew us, that our lives may be not only a blessing of gladness to ourselves, but also to You. In our Savior's most holy name we pray. 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**

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

*Selections from Messiah*

G. F. Händel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 3:1-12**

**New Testament, p. 2**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

\*HYMN #10

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*  
verses 1 and 4

WINCHESTER NEW

### **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 #579

Gloria Patri

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Marshall-Moretz Dinner

Linda Adams

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*Pastoral Symphony*

G. F. Händel

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

\*HYMN #3

*Comfort, Comfort You My People*  
verses 1 and 3

PSALM 42

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*While We are Waiting, Come*

WAITING

\*POSTLUDE

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\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Beth Underwood.

*Today we recognize and honor our 50 year members ~  
Bonnie Gray, John and Phyllis Gump, and Melody Mitchell.*

**Welcome and thanks to Dr. Sila Darville, violin; Caleb Murphey, violin;  
Wyatt McCarty, viola; Dr. Luke Darville, cello; Chase Wampler, trumpet**