

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 30, 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

What Child is This

GREENSLEEVES

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The candle of Hope will be lit by Dan and Praveena Florell.

INTROIT

Let Us Go Rejoicing (from Psalm 122)
Jordan Durham, soloist

M. Guimont

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 122:6-9)

Leader: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

People: “May they prosper who love you.

Leader: Peace be within your walls

People: And security within your towers.”

Leader: For the sake of our relatives and friends,

People: We will say, “Peace be within you.”

Leader: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

People: We will seek your good.

*HYMN #8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
(verses 1 and 2)

TRURO

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

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

Come Thou, Redeemer of the Earth
Kris Kean and Amanda Tipton, flutes

Richard Shepherd

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44

New Testament, p. 21

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

"So, What Do We Know?"

Dr. 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 #579

Gloria Patri

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #1

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
verses 1 and 2

STUTTGART

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

While We are Waiting, Come

WAITING

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand

***Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Tom Long.
Welcome and thanks to Dr. Kris Kean, flute.