

Order of Worship
First Sunday in Advent
November 28, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Prelude *Come, Redeemer of Humankind* Johann Pachelbel

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We are watching and waiting for signs of God's kingdom;

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Though all things will change, Christ remains true;

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Be awake, be alert; do not worry, and do not be afraid;

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Look! Christ is coming. Christ is breaking into our world, and into our lives in a new way.

O Come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel! Let us worship God!

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Lily and Mya Johnson

Living Christ,

Give us faith to trust you.

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer for Forgiveness (Unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we have become caught up in the worries of today. We have forgotten your ways and have looked for quick satisfaction and worldly pleasures. We have become trapped into a way of life that is without hope, but only provides quick fixes. We confess that we have lost hope, for we have put our trust in the things and leaders of this world, instead of you, our Eternal Hope. You are the one who sent us Jesus, and who promised to come again. Help us to know your faithfulness, mercy, and steadfast love, as we watch and wait this Advent. Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

(Silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

Assurance of God's Grace

Word and Wonder—A Time for Children

Instrumental Meditation *Of the Father's Love* Divinium Mysterium

Minute for Witness

Tim Clutts

Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:25-36

Sermon

A Present Future

Rev. Christie Ashton

Prayers of the People and the 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) Benedictus Luke 1:68-72 (adapted)

Blessed be the Lord God, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed us. He has raised up a mighty savior for us, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, that we might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And so we will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Voluntary in G minor

Thomas Roseingrave

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