

First Sunday of Advent

Worship for the Lord's Day--Communion

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Dec. 3, 2017 Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Gathering of God's People

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME: *Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ,
that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you,
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.*

GREETING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*As God has greeted us with his peace,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Also See Old First News Bulletin Insert)*

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP *(Please sign & pass the black pew pads)*

PRELUDE: "Now Come, Savior of the Nations!" J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP -- from Psalm 9:1-2

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. In you I put my trust.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

According to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise No. 152: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Lighting of the ADVENT CANDLES

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Deliverer, we entrust to you our confession of sin. We are easily discouraged when our good deeds do not make things better. We fear harm to ourselves if we take too firm a stand.

Omens of danger arise about us, and we doubt the future you have promised. We close our eyes to the signs and live for the moment.

Loving God, forgive our cowardice and blindness, for the sake of him who endured the cross for us. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

RESPONSE No 147

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Proclamation of God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

By Sally Kean

ANTHEM "Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?" Robert Lau

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44*

SERMON "The Candle of Hope" *By The Rev. Gary M. Brose*

*Hymn of Response No. 148: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into death. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Response to God's Word

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY: "Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland" *Detrich Buxtehude*

*DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

Lord God, thank you for the blessings
you have given us year after year.
Help us to wisely use the time you have given us.
Lead us, while we remain here on earth,
to serve you through all the people around us
who are in need. Amen.

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS of the CONGREGATION

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

THE INVITATION

Friends: This is the joyful feast of the people of God,
We come from east and west, from north and south, to sit at
table in the kingdom of God.

The GREAT PRAYER of Thanksgiving and the LORD'S PRAYER
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

THE WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Go Out as God's People in the World

*Closing Hymn No. 79: "Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

*Benediction



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