

✚ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** "The Apostles' Creed" (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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!

Go Out as God's People in the World

✚ **Closing Hymn HB #408:** "Come, We That Love the Lord"

Dismissal of Sunday school youth, teachers, & assistants after worship.

✚ **BLESSING & CHARGE / VISION & MISSION** (*responsively*):

To walk in the light of God;

making JESUS known is FIRST at First!

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✚ **POSTLUDE**

Following today's service please join us in the upper hall
for coffee & conversation.



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Happy 1st week of Advent!



Today's Worship Leaders:

Organist/Pianist: Meghan Lance & Kathy Wallace

Officer Assisting: Leslie Crawford

Advent Candles: The Hall Family

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

The Lord's Day Worship

November 27, 2022 – 1st Sunday of Advent - Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

If you need instructions, please seek assistance.

(Those not wanting to be seen on the **video recording**, please sit under the balcony.)

Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)

Gathering of God's People

After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.

3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES

WELCOME by Leslie Crawford

ANNOUNCEMENTS (See insert.)

PRELUDE

CALL To WORSHIP with LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE:

We begin the Advent season by lighting the candle of hope. Psalm 100 exhorts, "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations," demonstrated in the coming of God Incarnate, Christ Our Lord, on the throne in heaven.

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† **Opening Hymn HB #525:** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** based on Psalm 100 (*unison*):

(Pause in silent confession.)

We are your people, children of the King Most High, and yet we confess that we often live as though we have forgotten our identity that come through your love. We fail to remember that you are good all the time. Forgive our forgetfulness and sin, O Lord. Amen.

† **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** (*responsively*)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

† **GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE:** (*unison*) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

† **CALL TO GOD'S WORD:** John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 (*unison*)

"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

† **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:** (*unison*)

SCRIPTURE:

Revelation 4:1-11

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SERMON Takeaway: "Surrounding His Throne"

by the Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford.

Response to God's Word

† **Hymn of Response HB #147:** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

by Pastor Janet

PRAYERS of JOYS & CONCERNS followed by **LORD'S PRAYER** (*unison*)

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.

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY to prayerfully consider giving in thankfulness.

(Receptacles for offerings are found at each exit.)

† **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

† **DOXOLOGY:** (*unison*) 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.