

**SCRIPTURE READING \***

*(pew Bible, page 984)*

Colossians 3:1-4

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

“Things Above”

~ Pastor Ian Hard

**HYMN OF RESPONSE \***

*Gloria Patri*

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.

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**COMMUNION**

*Wine is in the inner rings in purple colored cups.*

*Juice is in the outer ring in clear cups.*

*The communion bread is gluten free.*

**MERCY AND MISSION OFFERING**

**HYMN OF SENDING \***

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hymn 196

**BENEDICTION \***

*We are a family in Christ worshipping in Spirit  
and truth, growing together in God’s grace,  
and connecting the community with the gospel.*

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*~ Advent Week 1~*

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

Jesus our hope is coming.

**Jesus our Lord and Savior is coming.  
Praise be to God!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP \***

Lord, send out your Light and your truth;  
let them lead us;  
let them bring us to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling!

**Then we will go to the altar of God,  
to God, our exceeding joy,  
and we will praise Him with the lyre,  
O God, our God.**

**SONGS OF PRAISE \***

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Hymn 214

*To God Be the Glory*

Hymn 55

**INVOCATION \***

*\* Stand as you are able*

**Bold Print** – speak together in unison

## CONFESSION OF SIN

God of exodus and wilderness,  
God of refuge and help,  
hear us now as we make our confession to you.

**In times of temptation  
we forget what you have done for us.  
You give us everything we need,  
yet we often remain unsatisfied;  
and spoil what we have been given.  
You show us the way we are to follow,  
yet we often continue on the path  
of self-indulgence and self-centeredness.  
Forgive us, we pray.**

We ask for your direction, your patience, your love,  
**in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who, in spite of his temptations,  
was faithful to your saving Word.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**                      1 John 1:7-9  
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have  
fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his  
Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we  
confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our  
sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH \*

Christians, what do we believe?

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH \*

**God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*~ Nicene Creed*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*For parents who are interested in nursery care  
Children 3 and under  
may be brought to the nursery at this time.  
Please plan to pick your child up after the sermon.*

## CHOIR

Gloria! Oh Gloria!

## PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SONG OF PREPARATION \*

### *Glorious Light*

Glorious light, see the dawn of salvation;  
Angels in white fill the skies  
With their wondrous song,  
Awakening earth with news of His birth:  
Join the hymn of the highest heavens.

Long has the world fought  
The song of the angels;  
Heavenly music is drowned  
By a warring world.  
Yet hope burns a light that shatters the night:  
Turn your heart to the call of glory. (*Chorus*)

*Chorus:*

Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace to men on earth.  
Come and adore Him with wonder;  
Christ Lord of heaven and earth.

There is a day all creation has longed for,  
When all of time has been spent  
And the Lord returns.  
His song we'll repeat as heaven completes  
Promised peace that will fill the nations. (*Chorus twice*)