

*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

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Our souls magnify the Lord!

Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

The mighty One has done great things for us!

Holy is God's name!

Let us worship God.

**For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

~ Luke 1:46-50

HYMNS OF PRAISE *

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship Hymn 381

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Hymn 196

INVOCATION *

** Stand as you are able*

Bold Print – speak together in unison

CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us our sins, O Lord.

**Forgive us the sins of our youth
and the sins of our age,
the sins of our soul and the sins of our body,
our secret and our whispering sins,
our presumptuous and our careless sins,
the sins we have done to please ourselves,
and the sins we have done to please others.**

Forgive us the sins that we know,
and the sins that we know not.

**Forgive them, O Lord,
forgive them all because of your great goodness
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Galatians 4:4-7
But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *

Who is Jesus Christ?

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities.

What has Christ done?

All things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,

that in everything he might be preeminent. In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Why should we follow Christ?

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

-Adapted from Colossians 1:15-20 & Hebrews 1:1-4

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.*

PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION *

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Hymn 193

SCRIPTURE READING *

Genesis 32:22-32

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Jacob – The Wrestler”

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 of the tray
in purple colored cups.*

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

SONG OF SENDING *

On Jordan’s Stormy Banks

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,
and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

Chorus:

I am bound, I am bound for Promised Land.
I am bound, I am bound for Promised Land.

All o’er those wide extended plains,
shines one eternal day.

There God, the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away. (*Chorus*)

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath,
can reach the healthful shore.

Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
are felt and feared no more. (*Chorus*)

When shall I reach that happy place,
and be forever blessed.

Where shall I see my Father’s face
and in His bosom rest. (*Chorus*)

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BENEDICTION *