

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.

HYMN OF SENDING *

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Chorus:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. (*Chorus*)

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. (*Chorus*)

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. (*Chorus*)

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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 4 ~

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Jesus our peace is coming.

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

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.**

~ from Luke 1:46-50

SONGS OF PRAISE *

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Hymn 302

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn 196

INVOCATION *

** Stand as you are able*

Bold Print – speak together in unison

CONFESSION OF SIN

Christ our savior calls us to follow Him in newness of life.

**Yet we have preferred the known to the unknown,
the comfortable to the challenging
the safe to the disquieting.**

**We are like Israel who desired
to return to the familiar slavery of Egypt
instead of being led into the Promised Land.**

Forgive us O Lord.

Forgive us our fear, mistrust, and rebellion.

Forgive us for not following where Christ leads.

**Forgive us for closing our eyes to the splendor
of what you have promised,
for giving in instead of pressing on.**

**O Lord, give us victory over fear and doubt.
Restore to us hearts of trust and wills of obedience.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 53:4-6
Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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.*

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 *

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymn 194

SCRIPTURE READING *

(pew Bible, page 855)

Luke 1:26-38

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Let It Be”

~ 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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