

*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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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;

**his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

The Lord has made his salvation known,

and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness
to the house of Israel;

**all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
of our God.**

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,

burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,

**with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn-
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

Let the sea resound, and everything in it
the world, and all who live in it.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;**

** Stand as you are able*

Bold Print – speak together in unison

CALL TO WORSHIP *

let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

HYMNS OF PRAISE *

Angels, from the Realms of Glory Hymn 218

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come Hymn 195

INVOCATION *

CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus is the Light of the World.

**O, Father, we have not worshipped Christ
as we ought.**

**We have treated the gospel as merely a good idea,
instead of the good news of Christ's light
breaking into a world trapped in darkness.
Forgive us, O Lord.**

Christ commands us to make disciples of all nations.

**Yet, we have subsumed the mission of Christ
under our own priorities and desires.**

We have lifted ourselves up instead of Christ.

Gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

**Forgive us for the way we have hidden the light
of the gospel with our impure motives,
our foolish actions, and our hurtful words.
Purify us and make us vehicles of blessing
as we proclaim Christ.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Galatians 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by
becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is
everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ
Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the
Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit
through faith.

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 *

What Child Is This Hymn 213

SCRIPTURE READING *

Luke 2:21-38

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Simeon and Anna - Waiting for Comfort”

~ 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.*

HYMN OF SENDING *

Go, Tell It on the Mountain Hymn 224

BENEDICTION *