

Worship Leader
November 29, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!
Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.
Be alert! Keep awake!
The time is drawing near:
**All: The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ,
the Son of God.**

*Hymn *While We Are Waiting, Come* (verse 1) (screen)

*Lighting of the Advent Candle

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
All: let all creation sing for joy at the coming of the Lord.
(Lighting the Advent Candle)
One: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy to the upright in heart.
All: Rejoice in the Lord! Give thanks to God's holy name.

Morning Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out – against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands, we can be made new...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

...In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

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We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Mark 13:24-37

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

While We Are Waiting

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Congregational Response

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Leave to Serve God

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

While We Are Waiting, Come