

Order of Worship
November 27, 2016 – 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Introit

Welcome & Announcements

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Hope
Hear the words from the prophet Isaiah chapter 2 verses 2 and 4:
“In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. [Then God] shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”

*Hymn: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” # 9

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Lord, we are not ready for your coming because we live as though there are no consequences of our actions or justice. We live in chaos as though there are no light or peace. We live in fear as though there is no hope for the future. Forgive us, Lord for our short-sightedness. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth and teach us your paths for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

Confession Response: **“Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.”** # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response “Gloria Patri” # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon: “Jesus Is Coming”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” # 376

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The 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 Spirit, 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” # 2

*(adapted from Psalm 85:6) – **“Will you not revive us and our land again, O Lord, so that your people may rejoice in you?”**

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response: “Amen”

