

Order of Worship
December 03, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Spirit of the Living God" # 322

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Call to Worship:

Leader: Let us join with the ancient Hebrews in the words of
Psalm 122:1.

**All: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the
house of the Lord.**

*Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation" (insert)

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 – Lighting of the Candle of Hope:
(responsively)

Leader: Come, let us wait for the Lord's coming as we begin the
Advent season.

People: In what way are we to wait?

Leader: Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah 40:28-31 – "Have
you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the
everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does
not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall
exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their
strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they
shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

**All: Believing this, we wait in hope for the coming of the Lord,
knowing that what we experience in this world is not how
we will always live, as God's people.**

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Sermon: "Has God Hidden?"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" # 5

Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" # 2

*Charge and Benediction