

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

December 2nd, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
First Sunday in Advent

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Cameron Greenlee

OPENING REFLECTION

“O Come Let us Adore Him”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Get Ready! For new events are on the horizon, in the skies and on earth, in people’s minds and in their hearts.

People: **Getting ready for Christmas means many different things, how can we know what God is planning?**

Leader: Prepare yourselves! For there is a new thing that God is bringing. Look for the signs around you in hearts warmed and forgiveness offered.

People: **Preparations take different shapes and forms for each of us. How can we be sure not to miss what is coming?**

Leader: Be Mindful! For no one what form God’s presence and activity will take.

People: **The season of Advent reminds us that we must be ready, alert, and prepared for the new and wonderful presence that is coming into our midst.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

****SONG** *O Come O Ye Faithful* #103

GOD DRAWS US NEAR

ADVENT CANDLE TRADITION

Reading: John 1:1-14

The First Advent Candle is lit.

Leader: Today we light a candle of Preparation and Expectation. Let this candle remind us of the great promise that this season holds for us. As we light this candle let it remind us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and to look for and expect to experience his presence in all of our holiday activities.

Unison Prayer: In this Advent of expectation draw us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and

*** All who are able, please stand*

also through our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in mission, that the hope within might be the song we sing, and the melody of our lives. In this Advent of expectation draw us together in service, that the path we follow might lead us from a stable to a glimpse of eternity.

**** SONG** *People, Look East* #90

DISCIPLE’S MOMENT

“A Little Bit More”

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (‘...forgive us our sins’)

GLORIA PATRI (#704)

READING Mark 1:1-8 (Pew Bible NT p. 34)

SERMON *Presents and Presence*

WE RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

MUSICAL MEDITATION

How have I been faithful in my relationships recently? toward God? toward others? In what ways can I become more faithful?

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Carrie Johnson

****THE DOXOLOGY (#706)**

****PRAYER OF BLESSING**

Celebration of The Lord’s Supper

**** Lifting our Voices in Song** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 1)* #267

****SONG** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #83

****BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE