

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gathering/Preparation to Receive God's Word

PRELUDE

Holly Rickertsen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Curt & Holly Rickertsen Family

GATHERING SONG #9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(blue hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Litany for Advent: O Antiphons)*

Leader: O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,

People: **pervading and permeating all creation, you order all things with strength and gentleness:**

Leader: Come now and teach us the way to salvation.

People: **Come Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Adonai, Ruler of the house of Israel,

People: **you appeared in the burning bush to Moses and gave him the law on Sinai:**

Leader: Come with outstretched arms to save us.

People: **Come Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Let us join together in singing our Hymn of Praise, *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, song #2 in the blue hymnal.

HYMN OF PRAISE #2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(blue hymnal)

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People: **God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

(Time of silent confession)

GLORIA PATRI - Hymn #579

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you!
Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another!

Hymn #25 *Away in a Manger* v.1

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Hymn #25 *Away in a Manger* v.3

Word/Receiving God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament: Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

New Testament: Luke 1: 67 - 80

Leader: The word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Advent & the Grinch: Preparation”

Pastor, Rev. Edgar C. Mariel

Response/Responding to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLE'S CREED

The *Apostle's Creed (Traditional)* may be found in the blue hymnal in the *Aids to Worship* section, page 14

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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DOXOLOGY - Hymn #592

PRAYER'S OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN #5 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

(blue hymnal)

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE SONG

#41 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
(chorus only)

(blue hymnal)