

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

9:30 a.m.

1st Sunday in Advent

December 2, 2018

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

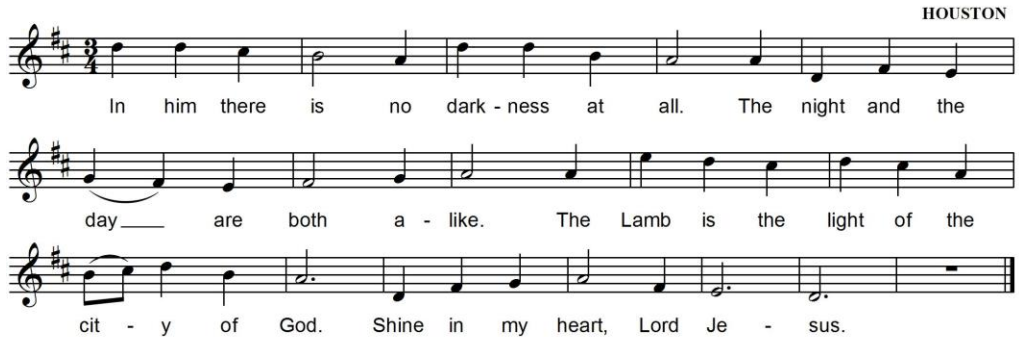
We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming.

We are preparing ourselves for the days

when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

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In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the
day are both a-like. The Lamb is the light of the
city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

GATHERING PRAYER

O Lord, our God, you have made the light to shine out of darkness and called us to praise your goodness and petition for your grace. In your endless mercy accept the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving. Make us to be children of the light and of the day, and heirs to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 82 (*standing*)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*standing*)

O Christ, our God, you have promised to come to judge the earth and all peoples. We pray that you would search our hearts and cleanse us of all sin and willfulness. May we be revived to newness of life, strength, and commitment that we may love and follow you all of our days.



Have mer-cy, O Lord, have mer-cy up - on us; Have mer-cy, O
Christ, have mer-cy up - on us; Have mer-cy, O Lord, have mer-cy up -
on us; Have mer - cy, O Lord, have mer - cy, O Lord.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON AND RESPONSE OF PRAISE *(standing)*



WERDE MUNTER
"Com-fort, com-fort now my peo-ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
"Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un-der sor-row's load.
To my peo-ple now pro-claim that my par-don waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cov-er, and their war-fare now is o-ver."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Break forth new light, O Lord, from your Holy Word. When we cannot see the way before us, let your Word be a lamp to our feet so we may be secure from the power of darkness and continue our journey in peace and security. Grant this for Jesus' sake. Amen.

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jan Kucklick

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 18:1-15

EPISTLE LESSON

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Hanna Crosby

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:5-23

SERMON

Prepare to Meet Your God!

Rev. Deane Kemper

The angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John."

Luke 1:13

HYMN 88 *(standing)*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

People, Look East

BESANÇON

DOXOLOGY *(standing)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(standing)*

The Apostles' Creed, page 35

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COMMUNION *

Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

Kendrick

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN 106 *(standing)*

Prepare the Way, O Zion

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Communion will be served by intinction at the chancel steps. Those unable to come forward or wishing to take the elements at their seats may remain seated and an elder will serve them.

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