

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, December 14, 2014

The Christian Year: The Third Sunday in Advent

10:30 AM Morning Service

“He will swallow up death forever!” Isaiah 25:8

[Please observe silence when the prelude begins.]

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 80:14-19

Minister: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven and see.

People: Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the Son of man whom you have made strong for yourself.

Minister: Then we will not turn back from you; give us life and we will call upon your name!

People: Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Unison: O Come, let us adore Him!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 211
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation
Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*Confession of Faith From the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 8 2, 5

The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, is the eternal God, one in substance and equality with the Father. At the right time, He took on Himself human nature with all its essential character and common weaknesses, yet He remained sinless. Consequently, He is authentically God and authentically human, but one Christ, the only mediator between God and humanity, who by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, has fully satisfied the justice of His

Father; and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for you and all those whom the Father has given unto Him. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Refrain, Tune: Gloria
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 35

*Hymn of Approach SH, No. 14
In the Bleak Mid-Winter

Public Confession
O Source of all good, we render to you, Gift of gifts, only an impoverished soul. Before your holy righteousness, we are undone, with no will to return to you, and no intellect to devise recovery. You came, God-incarnate, to save us to the uttermost, as man to die our death, to shed satisfying blood on our behalf, to work out a perfect righteousness for us. Meanwhile, we live in selfishness, hard-heartedness, with a stiff-necked and unforgiving spirit. We are correct when we say, “There is no health in us.” We beg you, through your incarnate life and willing sacrifice, to pardon and blot out our sins. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

The Promise of the Gospel
“Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.” Isaiah 53:10-11

Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 227
On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Worship of God Through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Verse 3, Tune: Antioch
No more let sins and sorrows grow;
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found;
Far as the curse is found;
Far as, far as the curse is found!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Psalm 16:5 and Psalm 23:5

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Mark Futato
“CONFIDENCE IN A CUP”

*Hymn of Response and Preparation No. 208
O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv. 1-2)

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation and Instructions
All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized and who are communicant members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such - it is the Lord’s Table. However the church alone grants access to the table, and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5.6-8). Therefore if you have not repented and trusted in Christ, or if you are harboring sin in your life, or if there is any person from whom you are estranged, please do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead use this time to reflect and ask God to speak to your heart, and give you more light and understanding. Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.
(For those who prefer, the outer ring of the tray is grape juice)
Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served
so that we may partake together.

*Departing Hymn No. 208
O Come, All Ye Faithful (vv. 3-4)

*The Benediction

Postlude
*Denotes congregation standing, if able.

5:00 PM: Chili Supper and Carol Sing