

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, December 4, 2016

The Christian Year: The Second Sunday in Advent

10:30 AM Morning Service

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive
mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

[Please turn off cell phones and observe silence when the prelude begins.]
Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Psalm 24:7-10

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient
doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this
King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the
LORD, mighty in battle!

People: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O
ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is
the King of glory!

Unison: O Come let us adore Him!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 103
Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*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 forever. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven
and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of
Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one
substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who
for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was
incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made
man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He
suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is

seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again,
with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose
kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and Son; who with the Father and
the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the
prophets; and we believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic
church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. Praise be to God!

*Gloria Tune: Gloria Patri (Meineke)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as
it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:1-9

Hymn of Confession No. 197
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Public Confession

O Lord, my every sense, member, faculty, affection, is a snare to
me. I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me, or
despise those below. I covet the honor and riches of the mighty,
and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others. Am I
attractive? What fuel for pride! Am I gifted? How I lust after
applause! Do I have much? How imprisoned I am by what I
possess. Am I in need? How I despise those who have what I
have not! You know that all these are snares; but my greatest
snare is myself. Keep me ever mindful of my heart, but let me
not forget my heavenly title, or the grace that can deal with every
sin.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

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. 221
Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Old Hundredth
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures John 1:1-18

*Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Dr. Mark Futato
“THE ONLY BEGOTTEN GOD”

*Hymn of Response No. 214
Angels We Have Heard on High

*The Benediction

Postlude
*Denotes congregation standing, if able.

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service

