

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION
AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord’s Day, December 18, 2016

The Christian Year: The Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:30 AM Morning Service

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory
as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

CTK Covenant Kids

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship Isaiah 40

Minister: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Get you
up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news!

People: Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and His arm
rules for him;

Minister: He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather
the lambs in his arms;

People: He will carry them in His bosom and gently lead
those that are with young.

Unison: Praise be to the Lord! Come! Let us adore Him!

*Hymn of Adoration No. 218

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
(v. 5 a cappella)

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all
things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of
lords: Mercifully grant that we may share the divine life of Him
who humbled Himself to share our humanity, rejoicing to suffer
with Him, even as we rejoice to reign with Him, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

*Confession of Faith WESTMINSTER CONFESSION 8.1

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the
Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between
God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior
of His church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world:

unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His
seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified,
sanctified, and glorified.

*Gloria Patri Tune: Ode to Joy
Glory be to God the Father, and to Christ His Only Son;
Praise we, too, the Holy Spirit, binding all the church as one.
As it was in the beginning, is for now and evermore;
Amen, Amen! Alleluia! Praise to God the Three in One!

New Testament Reading Luke 1:26-35

*Hymn of Response No. 194
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1-3)

Public Confession of Sin

O God, in the beginning You spoke,
and creation was born, the object of Your loving care.

In the fullness of time You spoke,
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love.

We wonder at the miracle of creation;
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.

Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope,
lacking in love.

We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus
Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Assurance
Minister: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who
could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you
may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and
in His word I hope. (Psalm 130: 3-5)

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!

*Hymn of Thanksgiving No. 194
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 4-5)

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures Isaiah 7:10-17

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Mike Osborne
“IMMANUEL: GOD IS WITH US”

*Hymn of Response No. 203
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregation standing, if able.

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service
Lessons and Carols Service – 6:00 p.m. this evening