

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, December 3, 2017

The Christian Year: The First Sunday in Advent

10:30 AM Morning Service

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

[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 Hebrews 1:6; Revelation 5:11-12

Minister: When He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God worship Him."

People: **And I heard the voice of many angels around the throne. . . saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."**

Unison: **O come, let us adore Him!**

*Hymn of Adoration No. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

Merciful God, stir up your power and with great might come among us. And because you sent your messengers, the prophets, to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation, give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins so that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. 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 all those whom the Father has given to Him. Thanks be to God!

Gloria **Tune: Gloria (refrain)**
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
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Old Testament Reading **Isaiah 53**

***Hymn of Response** **No. 193**
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Public Confession

Minister: Hear now the commandments of Your God, which He has commanded you to keep, saying, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This the the first and great commandment.

People: **And the second, like unto it is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

Minister: Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that He has commanded?

People: **No, but we have sinned against Him in thought, word and deed.**

Minister: Then confess your sins to the Lord, for with Him there is mercy and abundant pardon.

Unison: **O Great and Everlasting Father, Who dwells in unapproachable light, Who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart: we confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, nor with all our soul, nor with all our mind, nor with all our strength, nor our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; and have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with Your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about Your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish rather than in You, the Everlasting Father. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, Who is able for all time to save us who approach You through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.**

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

The Promise of the Gospel

Minister: You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

I Peter 1:18-21

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.**

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** **No. 226**
As with Gladness Men of Old

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** **Revelation 5:1-14**

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Pastor Mike Osborne
"THE LION AND THE LAMB"

***Hymn of Response** **No. 165**
Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

Cookies & Catechism immediately following this service.