

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, December 2, 2018

The Christian Year: The First Sunday in Advent

10:30 AM Morning Service

Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." (Genesis 22:8)

[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 118:26-29

Minister: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

People: The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Minister: Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

People: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

Minister: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Unison: O come, let us adore him!

*Hymn of Adoration

No. 302

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

Lord Jesus, Lamb of God: You are worthy, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people to God from every tribe and language and people and nation. How we long for the day when we shall stand in heaven with this throng of the redeemed, our brothers and sisters, and cry out, "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever! Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory!" Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #37

Minister: What do you confess when you say that he [Jesus] suffered?

People: During all the time he lived on earth, but especially at the end, Christ bore in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. Thus, by his suffering, as the only atoning sacrifice, he has redeemed our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and obtained for us the grace of God, righteousness, and eternal life.

Gloria

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Tune: Gloria

The Revelation of God's Will

Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 22:37-40

Unison: And God spoke all these words saying: 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.'

Minister: You shall have no other gods before me.

People: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Minister: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

People: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

Minister: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

People: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Minister: You shall not murder.

People: You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Unison: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, mind and strength...and your neighbor as yourself."

Reception of New Members

Hymn of Response

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

No. 197

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Promise of the Gospel

Knowing that 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

*Hymn of Thanksgiving

No. 253

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

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 1:19-42

*Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Rev. Seth Wallace

"JESUS: THE LAMB OF GOD"

*Hymn of Response

No. 246

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

*The Benediction

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

Cookies & Catechism, immediately following this service

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.