

THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

The Lord's Day, December 16, 2018
The Christian Year: The Third Sunday in Advent

10:30 AM Morning Service

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.*
Hebrews 4:15

[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** **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. 195**

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come
(verse 3 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 CONFSSION 8.1

Minister: What do you believe concerning the Lord Jesus?

People: **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 1:5-25, 57-80**

***Hymn of Response** **No. 196**
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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: For there is one God, and there is one mediator between
God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as
a ransom for all. (I Timothy 2:5-6a)

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

***Hymn of Thanksgiving** **No. 305**

Arise, My Soul, Arise

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** **Hebrews 8:1-13**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"JESUS: PRIEST"

***Hymn of Response** **SH No. 6**

Before the Throne

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

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