

# THE ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD ON

**The Lord's Day, December 1, 2019**

*The Christian Year: The First Sunday in Advent*

## 10:30 AM Morning Service

*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,  
which is the testimony given at the proper time. (1 Timothy 2:5-6)*

[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  
(last verse a cappella)*

### \*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 Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 33 and 34

Minister: Why is he called God's only-begotten Son, since we also  
are children of God?

People: Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God.  
We, however, are children of God by adoption,  
through grace, for Christ's sake.

Minister: Why do you call him our Lord?

People: Because he has ransomed us, body and soul, from all  
our sins, not with silver or gold but with his precious  
blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil  
to make us his own possession.

Gloria Tune: Gloria (refrain)

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43

\*Hymn of Response No. 197

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

### 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

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 Response No. 242

*Not All the Blood of Beasts*

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 Mark 10:35-45

\*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon Rev. Seth Wallace

"IMMANUEL: A RANSOM FOR MANY"

\*Hymn of Response No. 691

*It Is Well with My Soul*

\*The Benediction

### Postlude

*\*Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

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