

# Order for the Celebration & Worship of God

December 10, 2017

*Have we a personal interest in the Child that was born at Bethlehem? Do we know that He is our Saviour? That He has brought glad tidings to us? That to us He belongs, and we belong to Him?*  
~ Charles Spurgeon

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given ...*

*~ Isaiah 9:6*

## Welcome And Announcements

### Call To Worship

*\*Please repeat the portion in bold with volume and passion!*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

O Lord, open our lips...

***And our mouths shall proclaim your praise. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. Hallelujah!***

### #196 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus; born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's Strength and Consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;  
Come Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;  
Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;  
By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend;  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall  
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### Prayer Of Adoration — Minister

*Followed by praying **together** :*

***Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills his purpose for me. He will send from heaven and save me; he will put to shame him who tramples on me. God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness! Thanks be to Christ our Lord! Amen.***

### Advent Reading and Lighting the Candle

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord!  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

### Blessed be Your Name — from the book of Job

Blessed be your Name in the land that is plentiful;  
Where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your Name!  
Blessed be your Name when I'm found in the desert place;  
Though I walk through the wilderness; blessed be your Name!

***Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise!  
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say;  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord! Blessed be your Name!  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord! Blessed be your glorious Name!***

Blessed be your Name when the sun's shining down on me;  
When the world's all as it should be; blessed be your Name!  
Blessed be your Name on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering; blessed be your Name!

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***Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise!  
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say;  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord! Blessed be your Name!  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord! Blessed be your glorious Name!  
You give and take away! You give and take away!  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be your Name!***

***Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise!  
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say;  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord! Blessed be your Name!  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord! Blessed be your glorious Name!  
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Blessed be the Name of the Lord! Blessed be your glorious Name!***

### #213 What Child Is This?

What Child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud; the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading,  
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through; the Cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail! Hail! The Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

*= Please be seated =*

### Prayers Of The People

*=Children age 4 thru 2nd grade may be dismissed to Children's Church  
and return at the conclusion of the sermon=*

### Offertory

### Scripture Reading:

John 12:20-26

Reader: The Word of the Lord!  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

### John 12:20-26 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

**The Sermon** — Rev. Charles Isaac  
*Changing our Expectations*

### The Lord's Table—Holy Communion

*This is a joyous opportunity for all to seek the Lord Jesus Christ. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is an occasion for all baptized Christians to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by him, and celebrate who he is and what he has done for us. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the Gospel, are striving to be at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully, are welcome. If you are not a Christian, or choose not to share in this meal, we invite you to spend this time in prayer, considering your relationship to Jesus Christ.*

If your heart's desire is to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior, there is a prayer **at the bottom of the next page** that can help guide you. If you pray this prayer, please speak to the pastor or elders after the service.

### Confession of Sin In Unison

***Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may, from this time onward, live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.***

*= Take a moment to privately and silently confess to God any particular sin =*

### Just as I Am (RUF)

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee Whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about, With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*= Please be seated =*

Minister: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*Followed by proclaiming boldly:*

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.  
People: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**  
Minister: O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
People: **Have mercy upon us and grant us your peace!**  
Minister: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.  
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**  
Minister: The gifts of God are for the people of God.

### Distribution Of The Elements

**Please come forward for Communion with joy and thanksgiving!**

*\*If you are unable to come forward, please let us know and we will serve you at your seat.*

***Wine is served for communion in the inner rings. The outer ring contains grape juice***

Please stand and sing together: **Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### Concluding Prayer And Benediction — Minister

**Postlude** — *Christ the King Worship Ensemble*

Service Schedule for Worship and Sunday School

SUNDAY WORSHIP (nursery provided) \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30AM

*\*The Sacrament of Holy Communion is served each week and open to those who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation.*

*Taste and see that the Lord is good. His mercy endures forever!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages following worship

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*All good which could be thought or desired is to be found in Jesus Christ alone. For He was humbled to exalt us, He became a slave to free us, He became poor to enrich us. He was sold to redeem us, made captive for our deliverance, condemned for our absolution; He was made a curse for our blessing, an offering for sin for our righteousness, He was marred that we might be restored, He died for our life. So that by Him harshness is softened, anger appeased, darkness made light, injustice justified, weakness made strong, dejection consoled, sin prevented, scorn despised, fear made sure, debt canceled, toil made light, sadness rejoiced, misfortune made blessed, difficulty eased, disorder ordered, division united, ignominy made noble, rebellion quelled, threats threatened, ambushes uncovered, assaults assailed, effort weakened, combat combated, war warred against, vengeance avenged, torment tormented, damnation damned, ruin ruined, hell held prisoner, death done to death and immortality made immortal.*

—John Calvin

Preface to the French Bible, 1539

**= Prayer of faith to place your trust in Jesus Christ =**

*Lord Jesus, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to admit. I also understand that you love and accept me more than I ever dared to hope. Thank you for dying in my place on the Cross, bearing the punishment for my misdeeds, paying the debt for all my sins and offering me complete forgiveness. I turn away from my past life of self-centeredness and now confess you are my Lord, my God and my Savior. I believe you have been raised from the dead and humbly ask you fill me with your blessed Holy Spirit so I may begin my new life with you. Amen.*

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the strong Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

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**The Second Sunday of Advent**