

Celebration of Worship

The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Reflection

“Christmas is an ever-evolving festival of the Incarnation. The Incarnation, God becoming flesh and living among us, was not going to remain a pristine idea in the mind of God, or even in the flesh of Jesus Christ, or even in the Church that calls itself the Body of Christ. The Incarnation was to become a Divine-human venture that would find its place everywhere, from the marketplace to the family home, from the battlefield to the halls of leadership, and even to the playground and concert hall.”

EBV, adapted from Donald Heinz, “Christmas”

God’s Invitation

WELCOME

PRELUDE

INVITATION TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in the hope of our Savior’s coming, and looks forward to Christ’s return at the fullness of time.

All: Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ as he comes, for Jesus Christ is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

We Gather and Offer Praise and Worship

* *Please stand, if you are able*

* ADVENT HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* # 9

* OPENING PRAYER

* GOD’S GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God Speaks to Us through the Word and Sacrament

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message We Light the First Advent Candle:
The Candle of Mary

Prayer

Song *While We Are Waiting, Come* Insert
(Children and Youth are dismissed for Sunday School.)

PRAYER FOR GOD’S SPIRIT

EPISTLE READING *Philippians 2:6-11* p. 954

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 1:26-38* p. 831

MEDITATION *The Miracle of the Moment:
Incarnational Extravaganza*
Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

* SONG *Make Way, Make Way* Insert

WE PRAY

* HYMN *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* # 5
Verses 1 and 2

The Holy Meal

Time of Confession

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you!

All: And also with you!

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer for God’s Spirit to Consecrate the Meal

The Words of Institution

The Holy Supper

ANTHEM *This Moment of Remembrance* Besig
Chancel Choir

Communal Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

We Respond with Our Hearts and Lives

THE MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* CLOSING HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* # 555

God Sends Us Out to Serve

* GOD'S BLESSING

* RESPONSE *Threefold Amen*

* POSTLUDE