



*And behold, you will conceive in
your womb and bear a son, and
you shall call his name*

JESUS

He will be great and be called
the Son of the most High.

Luke 1:31-32a

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7TH, 2025

GOD CALLS US
TO WORSHIP

We prepare our hearts to come in the Lord's presence, and orient ourselves to worship.

Our worship begins with a scriptural call for God's people to worship. In this way, our gathered worship is a conversation initiated by God between himself and his people.

We humbly ask Jesus to preside and to represent us before the Father. We ask the Holy Spirit to fill us and inform us and dedicate the service to the Lord.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

MEDITATION IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Jesus comes as the Light because we are too spiritually blind to find our own way. Jesus became mortal and died because we are too morally ruined to be pardoned any other way. Jesus gave himself to us, and so we must give ourselves wholly to him."

- Timothy Keller, Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ, pg. 2.

† CORPORATE CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 5:2, 4-5a

Leader: "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.

All: And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

Leader: In the name of the Prince of Peace who has come, let us give glory and praise to our God!

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Bethlehem Candle

Audrey Adams & Cara Lambert

Luke 1:28-38

We are a Confessional Church. We choose to stand shoulder to shoulder with those saints who have gone before us. We embrace the timeless doctrinal truths of the Gospel.

**GOD
CLEANSES US**
Within the context of our relationship with God, we are invited in safety, not shame, to consider our sins. God loves us in spite of our sins. We rehearse this truth each week by confessing our sins corporately and leaning into his renewal, restoration, and cleansing.

The scripture that follows our confession assures us of God's forgiveness, grace and pardon. This is the good news.

Our giving is an act of worship; it is both a response of gratitude for God's generosity toward us and a sign of faith in God's future provision.

† **HYMN OF PRAISE**

O Come All Ye Faithful
Hymn No. 208

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH** The Westminster Confession of Faith, Ch. VIII, Sec. 1
Leader: Let us declare together what we believe the Scriptures teach about our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ:

All: 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN Augustine (354-430)
Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord! Let us make our confession to God:
All: Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and forgive those offenses to your servant which he has caused in others. I contend not in judgment with you, who are truth; I fear to deceive myself, lest my sin should make me think that I am not sinful. Therefore I contend not in judgment with you; for if you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall abide it? Amen.²

SILENT CONFESSION OF PERSONAL SIN

PROMISE OF PARDONING GRACE Romans 5:6-8
Leader: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

CHORAL ANTHEM *Come, Emmanuel!*
Lyrics pg. 6

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WORSHIP THROUGH THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
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**GOD
COMMUNICATES
WITH US**

God's Word itself has power. The Preaching of God's Word is one of the chief means of grace by which God's people grow.

**GOD
COMMUNES
WITH US**

If you are a baptized Christian and member in good standing of a gospel-believing church, we invite you to participate with us in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If this doesn't describe you, please use this part of the service to consider the grace and forgiveness that Christ offers.

**GOD
COMMISSIONS
US**

Our worship concludes with God's sending us into the world with his blessing as we seek to love our community.

† DOXOLOGY & DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Children, ages 4 – 1st grade, may be dismissed for Children's Church.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Hymn No. 193

READING OF GOD'S WORD

John 12:44-50
Bible pg. 1145

PROCLAIMING & HEARING GOD'S WORD

Rev. Vosseller

TO BRING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

"Jesus said, 'This is my body which is for you.'"

"Jesus said, 'This is the blood of my covenant.'"

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Hymn No. 201

† BENEDICTION

Jude 24-25

Leader: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen .

† Please Stand

1. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: A Liturgy for Daily Worship from Advent to Epiphany ©2023, Crossway, pg. 73.

PREACHING: Rev. Dave Vosseller

LEADING WORSHIP: Rev. Bryan Villarreal

John 12:44-50

Theme: Jesus Came to Deliver Us From Our Evil and Ignorance

I. The Authority That Calls for Belief (v. 44-45)

II. The Light That Delivers from Darkness (v. 46)

III. The Condemnation That Unbelief Brings (v. 47-49)

IV. The Command That Brings Life (v. 50)

CHORAL ANTHEM

Come, Emmanuel!

Ready, Waiting

God is with us.

Ready, Waiting for Emmanuel.

God is with us, come, Emmanuel.

Yearning sighing for Emmanuel.

Praying, crying, Emmanuel

Emmanuel! O come and with us dwell, with us dwell

For unto you a Child is born, to you a Son is given.

Though He arrives through human birth,

He comes with full divinity.

For unto you a Child is Born,

To you a Son is given.

No other one has come before, born of earth,

born of heav'n, born of earth and heaven.

Come, Emmanuel! O come and with us dwell.

Come, Emmanuel! O come and with us dwell

Come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Ready, waiting, come, Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel, Come and with us dwell.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,

Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

Come!

Pepper Choplin

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THE POINSETTIAS WERE PLACED BY THE FOLLOWING:

Carrie Adams In honor of our Grandmother, Mary Lou Allen

Georgia Alewine In memory of Herbert Alewine.

Lynne Birchill In honor of our church staff.

Louise Boone In honor of family and church family.

Linda Brown and Family In memory of Tommy Brown.

Wendy and Mel Buckner In honor of the choir, music team, and the children's ministry.

Amelia Cobb In memory of Don and Meredith Avery.
In memory of Ted and Judy Haney.

Mike and Elsie Davis In memory of Katie Davis
In honor of the Elders and Deacons.
In honor of the Choir
In honor of the staff.

Anne Edenfield In memory of Paul Edenfield.

Tony and Janice Esposito In memory of their parents, Mary & Jimmy Esposito; Tina & Ed Wicker
In memory of their son, Anthony Esposito
In memory of their sister, Connie Frierson

Carol Gaines In loving memory of my husband, Gene Gaines.

Glenda & Jerry Gay In honor of Janet Vincent's faithful service as our Nursery Coordinator.

Dustin & Stacy Harper In honor of Jackson, Charlotte, Benjamin, Noah, and Samuel.

Ronnie Hinton In memory of Lester and Jewell Hinton.

Mark and Sandra Inouye In memory of Sandra's mother, Barbara Rauch.

John and Helen Payne To the glory of God and in memory of Helen's parents, R.H. DeJarnette,
Jr, & Mina DeLaVergne.
To the glory of God and in memory of John's parents, Jack & Faye Payne.

Daniel Regan In honor of Katheryn Regan.

Herman & Carolyn Thompson In honor of the Vosseller and Villarreal families.