

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023 | 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Lighting of the Advent Candles:

Luke 1:68-75

Prayer of the Day:

Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praise, and blessing; we praise you now for sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honor and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

- * Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" PH 329
- * God's Greeting: based on Is. 40:3-5, II Cor. 13:14

CONFESSION & PRAYER

Stories that Change Everything: Waiting based on Luke 1:5-25, 57-66

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Isaiah 9:6-7

Installation of Elders and Deacons PH p. 1004

God's Will for Our Lives: I Thessalonians 5:12-22

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

- * Hymn: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" PH 327:1,2,5
- Prayer for Illumination
- Sermon: *Advent Reshapes Our Disappointment* Luke 1:5-25 (p. 1012)
- * Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Immanuel" PH 328:1,4,6,7

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

- * Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed
- Distribution of the Bread and Cup

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

- * Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" PH 355:1-3
- * Offertory Prayer for the General Fund & Children's Haven

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

- * Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26
- * Doxology: "The First Noel"
- Postlude

**Indicates congregation stands, as able*

Minister: Rev. Joel Vande Werken

Candle Lighters: Kaleb DeWeerd, Beth Banning

Liturgists: Jim & Lois Hassey, Kathy Hudson, Dick Vanden Berg, Ria Jorritsma

Piano/ Organ: Lisa Vos | Brass: Dan Vos

Prayer of the Day adapted from Worship Sourcebook D.1.4.1

*Liturgy for Lord's Supper adapted from forms approved by CRC Synod 2016,
and from Belgic Confession Art. 35*