

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

## WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

- PRELUDE *Prelude on French Carols* -arr. Russell
- WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH HOPE BOETTGER FAMILY  
Jerry and Patti Boettger, Kati Dorale, Neil, Juli, and Claire Boettger
- CHORAL INTROIT *The Light Will Come* -Angeman
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP
- One: The days are shorter and darkness comes early to our lives.  
**All: Lord, hear our prayers through the darkness.**
- One: Come, seek the Lord. Place your hope in God's mercy and love.  
**All: Lord, we seek your presence among us.**
- One: Look closely! God is making us ready.  
**All: We wait with hope and expectation for the coming of the Lord.**
- \*PRAYER FOR THE DAY
- \*HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymnal 1
- \*CALL TO CONFESSION
- \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION
- Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.**
- \* RESPONSE *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Hymnal 572
- \* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
- \* RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* Hymnal 579
- \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.  
All: **And also with you.** (*People may greet one another*)

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

- RESPONSE *He Came Down*  
**He came down that we may have hope. He came down that we may have hope. He came down that we may have hope. Hallelujah, forevermore.**
- A TIME FOR CHILDREN
- RESPONSE *He Came Down*  
**He came down that we may have hope. He came down that we may have hope. He came down that we may have hope. Hallelujah, forevermore.**
- PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
- READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE
- Prayer for Illumination
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| First Reading  | Jeremiah 33:14-16 | Pew Bible p. 563 |
| Psalm          | Ps. 25:1-10       | Pew Bible p. 393 |
| Second Reading | 1 Thess. 3:9-13   | Pew Bible p. 836 |
| Gospel Reading | Luke 21:35-36     | Pew Bible p. 746 |
- SERMON " Rev. Jennifer Olson

## WE RESPOND AS GOD'S PEOPLE

- \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed (Traditional version, Hymnal p. 14)
- OFFERTORY *Resonet in Laudibus* - Paxton
- \*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal 592
- \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
- \*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
- \*GREAT THANKSGIVING
- The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise . . . .

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. . .**

Remembering Christ's dying and rising, and praying: Come, Lord Jesus, together we say: **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All are invited to come forward to receive bread and juice.*

*If you would like to have the servers come to you, remain seated.*

COMMUNION MUSIC      *Christmas Communion Song*      - Calloway  
Chancel Choir, Kristy Zenk, director

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, Holy One, at this table we have touched, we have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us, grant that we may go away from this sanctuary, filled with our love for you, and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives. We pray in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **WE TAKE GOD'S LOVE INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*      Hymnal 41

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE      *Jubilate Deo*      - Handel

*A meeting of the congregation, for the purpose of electing new officers for 2019, will take place immediately following the organ postlude.*

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 2, 2018**

Rev. Jennifer A. Olson, Pastor

Ann Voggesser, Organist

Beth Argotsinger, Liturgist

The Boettger Family, Advent Wreath Candlelighters

Cathy Christiansen, Deacon of the Month

Thomas Gotto and Brandon Halsey, Candlelighters

Dale and Penny Kinney, Greeters

Shar Hulstein, Tech Team

Beth Argotsinger, Sue Mohr, Marilynn Jepsen, Communion Servers

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THIS WEEK AT UPC

Today	9:15am 10:30 am	Sunday School for children and youth Worship Service followed by Congregational Meeting and Coffee Hour
Tues. Dec. 4	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study in Fireside Room
Wed. Dec. 5	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Youth Group at Presbyterian Church Choir Practice
Thurs. Dec. 6	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Advent Bible Study Circle at Silveridge
Sat. Dec. 8	afternoon	"Cookie Bake" set up and prep

### COMING UP AT UPC

Sun. Dec. 9	9:15 am 10:30 am	Sunday School for children and youth Worship Service followed by Coffee Hour and Cookie Bake. Everyone invited.
Mon. Dec. 10	7:00 pm	Worship Committee meeting
Tues. Dec. 11	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study in Fireside Room
Wed. Dec. 12	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Youth Group at Presbyterian Church Choir Practice
Thurs. Dec. 13	10:00 am	Advent Bible Study