

December 3, 2017
Lord's Day 49, 9:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

■ WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Pre-Service Prayer (8:30 p.m., Room 202)

Prelude

■ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*The Greeting

Minister: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)

All: Amen!

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

All: and our mouths will declare your praise. (Psalm 51:15)

*The Call to Worship – Psalm 105:1-3

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord, and his strength; seek his presence continually!

*The Hymn of Praise– “*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*” (TH 195)

*The Prayer of Adoration

■ GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP

The Reading of the Law – Romans 13:8-14

The Exhortation

The Silent Prayer of Confession

The Corporate Prayer of Confession – Psalm 51:1-4; 9-12

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

The Declaration of Pardon

Minister: Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you all of your sins, and deliver you from all evil, comfort and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

The Song of Rejoicing – “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” (TH 194)

The Service of the Word

■ GOD CONSECRATES US IN WORSHIP

The Reading of the Old Testament - Isaiah 64:1-9

The Prayer of the Church - Pastor Brian Tallman

Tithes and Offerings

The Song of Preparation - "Speak, O Lord"

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.
Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail— Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.*

*The Reading of Scripture - Mark 12:13-17

The Sermon by Pastor Brian Tallman

The Service of the Table

■ GOD COMMUNES WITH US IN WORSHIP

The Song of Preparation - "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (TH 193)

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Supper

Although both wine and white grape juice are available during communion, the Elders strongly encourage everyone able to take wine.

The Pastoral Prayer

■ GOD COMMISSIONS US IN WORSHIP

*The Doxology

*The Benediction

*Postlude
