

December 2, 2018
Lord's Day 48, 9:30 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Almighty and 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 a.m., Room 202)

Pre-service Singing (9:10 a.m.)

Silent Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

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 Scriptural Call to Worship – Psalm 105:1-3

Minister: 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” (Hymnal #195)

*The Prayer of Adoration

*The Confession of Faith – “The Apostles’ Creed” (Hymnal, p. 845)

■ **GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP**

The Gospel Reading – Psalm 25:1-9

The Exhortation

The Silent Individual Confession of Sin

The Corporate Confession of Sin

The Declaration of Pardon

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.

Song of Rejoicing - "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (Hymnal #194)

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 Service of the Word

■ GOD CONSECRATES US IN WORSHIP

The Gospel Reading - Luke 21:25-36

Holy Baptism

Prayer for the Church - Elder Guy Kemp

Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation - "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (Hymnal #193)

*Reading of Scripture - Romans 5:1-11

The Sermon - "Peace with God, Part 2" by Pastor Brian Tallman

The Service of the Table

■ GOD COMMUNES WITH US IN WORSHIP

Song of Preparation - "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" (Hymnal #197)

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 Benediction

Minister: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. In the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

■ GOD COMMISSIONS US IN WORSHIP

*The Doxology

*The Benediction

*Postlude
