

**December 9, 2018**  
**Lord's Day 49, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

*Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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

Missions Minute

Prelude

■ **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

\*The Greeting

**Minister:** Blessed is the kingdom of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever to the ages of ages.

*All: Amen!*

**Minister:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: Grace to you and peace.

*All: Amen!*

\*The Scriptural Call to Worship

**Minister:** Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! (Psalm 95:1-2)

*All: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most high, to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. (Psalm 92:1-2)*

\*The Hymn of Praise – “This Earth belong to God” (Songbook #134)

\*The Prayer of Adoration

■ **GOD CLEANSSES US IN WORSHIP**

The Reading of the Old Testament – Isaiah 40:1-11

The Exhortation

The Silent Individual Confession of Sin

The Corporate Confession of Sin and Lord's Prayer

The Absolution

*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: Sanctus – “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (Songbook #32)

## **The Service of the Word**

### ■ GOD CONSECRATES US IN WORSHIP

The Gospel Reading – Luke 3:1-6

Prayer for the Church – Elder Michael Steege

Tithes and Offerings

Song of Preparation – “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (Hymnal #196)

\*Reading of Scripture – Romans 5:12-21

The Sermon – “Who’s Your Daddy?” by Pastor Brian Tallman

## **The Service of the Table**

### ■ GOD COMMUNES WITH US IN WORSHIP

Song of Preparation – “Before the Throne of God Above”

*Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav’n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
To look on him and pardon me.*

*Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.*

The Lord’s Supper

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

Words of Institution

Bread: Silence

*(This time of silence reminds us that we are personally and individually covenanting with our Lord. Here we are afforded the opportunity for personal reflection, silent communion, thanksgiving, intercession, and prayer.)*

Wine: “Christ, We Do All Adore Thee” (Hymnal #737)

The Pastoral Benediction

The Pastoral Prayer

■ GOD COMMISSIONS US IN WORSHIP

\*The Doxology

\*The Benediction

\*Postlude

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