

As Communion is being served, please join in singing:

No. 90 "Wait for the Lord"

No. 92 "While We Are Waiting, Come"

Breaking of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

(9:00) All are invited to come forward, when directed by an usher, to commune by Intinction—taking a piece of bread or a gluten free wafer and dipping it in the cup. Those who wish may remain seated to be served by an Elder.

(11:15) The congregation remains seated to be served by the Elders. We hold the gluten free wafer until all have been served, and partake together; the same with the cup.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

\*HYMN No. 99 "My Soul Gives Glory to My God"

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

(9:00) "Blessing" -Ned Wetherald

(11:15) "Lord Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" Este's Psalms

\*(9:00 ONLY) THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(please greet those sitting around you, especially taking time to welcome those who are visiting)

\*POSTLUDE

**You Are Invited**

for coffee and fellowship in the Social Hall  
(downstairs) after the Worship Service

**Visiting?**

Come to the red table at the front corner of the  
Sanctuary after worship so we may greet you.  
We're glad you're here!

**DECEMBER 2, 2018**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**9:00 AM AND 11:15 AM WORSHIP**

*(Where you see an asterisk (\*), please stand if you are able)*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE "Sleepers Awake" J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME Dean Lindsey

INTROIT

Faces at the Manger

Ned Wetherald, 2018

Fa-ces at the man-ger 'round the Je-sus Child Each a diff-erent walk of life,

each a diff-erent smile. Fa-ces at the man - ger, fa-ces much like

ours, young and old and meek and bold, greet the Christ Child.

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(9:00) Tom Sowers, Lauren Sonsteby

(11:15) Dom Veconi, Abigail Slate, Olivia Barner

\*HYMN No. 106

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Allison Maus

**God of all life, we are impatient in our waiting for you to come and set things right. We feel insecure in our world, fearful of violence, and anxious about ourselves. We seldom pause to consider that you are waiting for us: waiting for us to repent and change; waiting for us to offer loving kindness to those around us; waiting for us to listen and respond with a burning passion to your truth, justice, and mercy. Grant us humble hearts and willing spirits to open ourselves to the new life your advent brings to us and to all people, through Christ, Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*(11:15 ONLY) THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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**HEARING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(9:00) Jennifer Creighton  
(11:15) Dennis Calvin

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 3:20-22

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Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

(9:00) "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" -Arr by Hopson  
LOGOS Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades

(11:15) "Mary Had a Baby" -William Dawson  
Chancel Choir

(9:00) ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

Deannine Shipman

See "Children in Worship"

SONG AFTER CHILDREN'S TIME

Hymn No. 114

"Away in the Manger" (Stanza 3)

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay**

**close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:26-38

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SERMON

"I Choose You"

Dean Lindsey

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN NO. 596

"You Are Holy"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Ozaki

Minute for Christmas Day Dinner

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

-Johann Pachelbel

"Fugues on the Magnificat"

\*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
To the tune "Greensleeves"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
This, is Christ the King, who angels  
guard and shepherds sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud  
the babe the son of Mary.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our  
God.

**Congregation: It is right to give our thanks  
and praise.**