

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, December 1, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

First Advent Reading and Candle Lighting: Isaiah 7:10-13; Matthew 1:18-25
(Chris and Lindsey Buckles, Scott, Peter, Emilia, Georgia)

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of John 1:1-4; 14

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Congregation: He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Pastor: In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

All: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*** We Sing in Response:** #194 Red Hymnal "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

* We Seek God's Presence in Prayer

We Confess Our Sins Together : O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen. – monergism.com

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: John 3:16-18

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** Handout "Only A Holy God"
(please leave handouts in pews so we can reuse in the future)

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** Lord, High and Holy, Meek and Lowly, You have brought us to the valley of vision, where we live in the depths but see You in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin, we behold Your glory. Let us learn by paradox that the way down is the way up, that to be low is to be high, that the broken heart is the healed heart, that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to have nothing is to possess all, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive, that the valley is the place of vision. Let us find Your light in our darkness, Your life in our death, Your joy in our sorrow, Your grace in our sin, Your riches in our poverty, Your glory in our valley. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. – *Adapted from the Valley of Vision*

Missions Moment: Gwen Hurn

We Read From God's Word: Luke 22:1-23

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: John 1:18 "No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory

* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal "Doxology"

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #184 Black Hymnal "Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Children ages 4 through kindergarten dismissed to Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your child in the lobby on your way to the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Acts 5:1-11

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "Ananias and Sapphira, The Tragedy of Two Sinners Who Sought to Fool God" – Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #35 Black Hymnal "O Great God"

* **The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)**