

**Order of Worship**  
**December 3, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Communion Sunday**

**Gathering Around the Word**

Today's Liturgist ..... Al Carney

Welcome the Community, Sharing Concerns, and Prayer Requests

Welcome Guest Pianist, Elsen Portugal

Prelude

Introit ..... *"A Tiny Child Will Come"* ..... Don Besig

Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Now is the time to wake from sleep.

**People: The night is far gone; the day is near.**

Leader: Keep awake; be ready! Christ is coming!

**People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn No. 9 ..... *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* ..... VENI EMMANUEL

Lighting the First Advent Candle ..... Sophia Hardin, Thea Rice,  
Gracie Gann

Reader: Advent is a time for Christians to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.

**People: How long, O Lord, how long?**

Reader: For those waiting for answered prayer:

**People: Grant your steadfast patience.**

Reader: For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

**People: Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.**

Reader: For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

**People: Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.**

Reader: For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

**People: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act,  
the grace of Christ as we speak.**

**Christ, Be Our Light!**

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by  
BERNADETTE FARRELL

**Congregation:**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our  
hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
Church gath - ered to - day.

**Proclaiming the Word**

Children's Sermon ..... *"The Chrismon Tree"* ..... Penelope Westmoreland,  
Mary "Cookie" Moore

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading ..... Isaiah 64: 1-9 ..... pg. 694-695, OT

Anthem ..... *"E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come"* ..... Paul Manz

*"Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed His blood that we might be saved. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!"*

Sermon ..... *"Watching and Waiting"* ..... Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn No. 2 ..... *"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* ..... HYFRYDOL

\*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) ..... The Apostles' Creed  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Traditional).....Hymnal, page 16

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology (Unison)..... Hymn No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Communion .....Open Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Holy Communion .....(Please hold elements until all have been served.)

Prayer After Communion

## Bearing the Word Into the World

\*Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Lacy S. Sellars, Jr.

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing (Please remain seated if standing is uncomfortable.)

*Following worship we invite members, friends and guests to the Fellowship Hall, for light refreshments. Please exit the doors at the front of the Sanctuary. We want to get to know you better!*

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*In the stillness of night,*

*In the beauty of starlight,*

*As angels watch in wonder...*

*He Comes.*



*And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son,  
and shalt call his name JESUS.*