

THE LORD'S DAY

November 27, 2022 † The First Sunday of Advent

THE RESURRECTION GREETING AND RESPONSE

Pastor: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

GOD CALLS US

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Psalm 33:1-5, 18-20

Pastor: Sing joyfully to the LORD,

People: It is fitting for the upright to praise Him!

Pastor: Praise the LORD with the harp;

People: Make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre!

Pastor: Sing to Him a new song;

People: Play skillfully, and shout for joy!

Pastor: For the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him

People: On those who hope in his unfailing love,

Pastor: To deliver them from death,

People: We wait in hope for the LORD;

Pastor: He is our help and our shield!

† INVOCATION

† THE SONG OF PRAISE

GRACE ALONE²

I was an orphan lost at the fall, running away when I heard Your call
But Father, You worked Your will

I had no righteousness of my own, I had no right to draw near Your throne
But Father You loved me still

Chorus 1: And in love before You laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as Your own,
You have raised me up so high above my station,
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

You left Your home to seek out the lost. You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus Your face was set
I worked my fingers down to the bone, nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus You paid my debt

Chorus 2: By Your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord, You died that I might reap what You have sown,
And You rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone

I will stand in faith by grace and grace alone,
I will run the race by grace and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone*

† THE HYMN OF PRAISE #125

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

¹ † Denotes congregation stands.

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GOD CLEANSSES US

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 39:4-12

Gracious Father, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered—how fleeting my life is. You have made my life no longer than the width of my hand. My entire lifetime is just a moment to you; at best, each of us is but a breath. We are merely moving shadows, and all our busy rushing ends in nothing. We heap up wealth, not knowing who will spend it. And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in you.

THE PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

GOD CONSECRATES US

THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE HYMN OF PRAISE # 32

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

† THE GLORIA PATRI #735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

† THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:33-39

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE PREACHING OF SCRIPTURE

Pastor Jeff Hamling

BEHIND THE CURTAIN

GOD COMMUNES WITH US

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE SONG OF MEDITATION

GOD COMMISSIONS US

† THE SONG OF PRAISE

ALL MY WAYS³

In days of peace and days of rest
In times of loss and loneliness
Though rich or poor Your word is true
That all my ways are known to You
No trial has come beyond Your hand
No step I walk beyond Your plan
The path is dark outside my view
Still all my ways are known to You

Chorus: And O what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be

For all my ways are known to You
Hallelujah they are known to You

I do not fear the final night
For death will be the door to life
You take my hand and lead me through
For all my ways are known to You

Open up my eyes so I may see
That You have made these ways for me

Open up my eyes so I may see
That You my God will walk with me

† THE BENEDICTION

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ADVENT

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Meaning of Advent: Advent is a season of waiting marked by both celebration and anticipation. It is a season of *celebration* because we rejoice in Christ's first coming. It is a season of *anticipation* because we wait in hope for Christ's second coming. Advent depicts this anticipation and celebration in a way that increases our longing—the hunger of our hearts—for the time when Jesus will come again to set all things right.

Royal purple is displayed on the cross today. The church has historically celebrated advent with this color. It represents the faithful anticipation of believers to ready their hearts and minds for the birth and second coming of Jesus Christ. Isaiah 9:6: *'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'*

Week One of Advent: Lighting the candles at Advent reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. The first candle is the Prophets' Candle, it symbolizes the Hope we now have at coming of the Messiah, just as the prophets foretold (Isaiah 7:14).