



***We proclaim “Jesus Christ:
and him crucified!”
Corinthians 2:2***

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

† Stand as you are able
(In reverence to God, please turn off all cell phones while in the sanctuary.)

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Elegy in D
Matthew Villafuerte, Bass

Bottesini

† Call to Worship

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
When I will fulfill my promise to my people.
People: *Justice and righteousness will fill the land
And all will live in peace and safety.*

† Opening Prayer (in unison)

Advent Wreath
Preparation and Anticipation

† Hymn #2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Readers: Michael Pitts and Vera York
Acolyte: Dru Robbins

Advent Collect (in unison)

*Eternal God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand.
Keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith,
so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may joyfully give him praise;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Congregational Response (All sing, seated)

Hymn #9, Stanza 1

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Paraments
Purple - Royalty of Christ

Hymn #44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

Poinsettias
The Christmas Flower

Hymn #56

The First Nowell

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Offertory

Elegy in E minor (Romanza Drammatica)
Matthew Villafuerte, Bass

† Doxology #592 (All sing)

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

† Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, we see signs of the cold, suffering world around us, but we know your light will shine out in the darkness. We wait in expectation for the coming of your light. As we go into the world tonight as the people of Christ, may our light shine as we strive to live for you and as we try to bring comfort and peace to a hurting world. In your Holy name we pray. Amen.

Evergreens
Ever Alive - Unchanging Nature of God

Special Music

All My Heart This Night Rejoices
Chancel Choir

Mueller

Wreaths
No Beginning, No End of God's Love

Hymn #24

Away In a Manger

CRADLE SONG

The Gospel Reading - Mark 13:24-37

Pew Bible, Page 1578

Sermon

Dr. G. Timothy Womack

Anticipating the Guest: "Get Ready"

Crismons
Symbols of Christ

† Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

IN DULCI JUBILO

† Charge and Benediction

† Response

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

ADESTE FIDELIS

Postlude

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The Chancel flowers were given by Duane and Jane Weise,
to the honor and glory of God
and with blessings and thanks to Dr. Tim and other staff members
for providing inspiration and encouragement throughout the Covid-19 pandemic,
and to the many unnamed angels in our church.

January 3

The first Sunday of the month is Communion Sunday. If you would like one of our fellowship cups, please call the church office and we will see that one gets delivered to you. (You may also self-procure your own elements.)

December 20: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:15 AM

Stations of the Creche

4:00-6:00 PM, Courtyard

Christmas Eve Services

3:00 PM - Traditional Christmas Eve Service

5:00 PM - Family Candlelight Service

7:00 PM - Traditional Candlelight Service

9:00 PM - Candlelight Communion Service

Christmas Day Service

10:00 AM - *Informal* - Communion by Intinction

ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP

November 22:	8:00 AM	34
	10:00 AM	52
	11:15 AM	<u>32</u>
Total:		<u>118</u>

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