

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR

MEDITATION AND PREPARATION

Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99:1-3, "The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!"

Minister: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

Congregation: **We lift them up!**

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Celebration Hymnal #249

CONFESSION OF SIN

THE LAW OF GOD

Deuteronomy 5:11, "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

Private Confession

Corporate Confession

Minister: We make this, our corporate confession, unto God:

All: **"Our Holy Father, we have broken your third commandment which says, 'You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, ...' We have not held your name, titles, attributes, words, and actions in a high and reverent manner as we should. We have abused your name by using it in careless, ignorant, and wicked ways. We pray that you would forgive us, by the blood of Christ, for our sins, allowing us to escape the curse of this commandment. O Lord, cause our hearts to treasure, above all others, your most wonderful name."**
(Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, IN)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 6:51, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Minister: Your sins are forgiven through Christ.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

DOXOLOGY

Glory Be to the Father
Tune: GREATOREX
Celebration Hymnal #813

CONSECRATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

Micah 5:1-5, "Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;"

Lighting the Bethlehem Candle

Luke 2:1-7, "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

Titus 2:11-14, "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."

Congregation: **Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Minister: We make these petitions, ending with the prayer our Lord taught us to pray:

All:

**"Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom and the
power and the glory forever.
Amen."** (Matthew 6:9-13, NKJV)

PSALM

Psalm 85

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Celebration Hymnal #797

1 LORD, thine heart in love hath yearned
On Thy lost and fallen land;
Isr'el's race is homeward turned,
2 Thou hast freed Thy captive band:
Thou hast borne Thy people's sin,
Covered all their deeds of ill;
3 All Thy wrath is gathered in,
And Thy burning anger still.
4 Turn us, stay us, now once more,
God of all our health and peace;
Let Thy cloud of wrath flee o'er,
From Thine own thy fury cease.
5 Wilt Thou ne'er the storm assuage
On the realm of thy desire,
Length'ning out from age to age
Thy consuming jealous ire?
6 Wilt Thou not in mercy turn?
Turn, and be our life again,
That Thy people's heart may burn
With the gladness of Thy reign.
7 Show us now Thy tender love;
Thy salvation, LORD, impart;
8 I the voice divine would prove,
List'ning in my silent heart:

List'ning what the LORD will say
"Peace" to all that own His will:
To his saints that love His way,
"Peace" and "turn no more to ill."
9 Ye that fear Him, nigh at hand
Now His saving health ye find,
That the glory in our land,
As of old, may dwell enshrined.

10 Mercy now and justice meet,
Peace and truth for aye embrace;
11 Truth from earth is springing sweet,
Justice looks from her high place.
12 Nor will GOD his goodness stay
Nor our land her bounteous store:
13 Marking out her Maker's way,
Righteousness shall go before.

SERMON

The Advent of Our Lord
The Place of the Advent
Luke 2:4

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Celebration Hymnal #250

COMMUNION

(Once a Month | Next Observance is December 26)

COMMISSIONING

BENEDICTION

Minister: Ephesians 6:23-24, "Peace be to the brothers, and love with
faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be
with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible."

All: **Amen.**

Postlude

In the foyer, a plate is designated for tithes and offerings.

SERVICES

THE LORD'S DAY

Morning Worship 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Evening Worship 7:00 PM – 7:40 PM

Children's Ministry 7:00 PM – 7:40 PM

Deacons Meeting 8:00 PM

TUESDAY

Work Day @ Crisis Center 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

WEDNESDAY

Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM – 7:40 PM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19

Christmas Fellowship 11:30 AM

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The Lord's Day, December 12th, 2021

The Third Sunday of Advent