

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*THE STRIKING OF THE HOUR*

*MEDITATION AND PREPARATION*

Prelude

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

“Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!” (Psalm 103:20-22)

*RESPONSE*

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts unto the Lord!

*Congregation:* **We lift them up!**

*HYMN*

Angels, from the Realms of Glory  
Celebration Hymnal #259

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.” (Deuteronomy 5:8-10)

*Private Confession*

*Corporate Confession*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!’” (Luke 2:13-14)

*RESPONSE*

*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*

Isaiah 7:10-14, “Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ‘Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.’ But Ahaz said, ‘I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.’ And he said, ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.’”

*Lighting the Angel Candle*

Luke 1:26-38, “In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!’ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ And Mary said to the angel, ‘How will this be, since I am a virgin?’ And the angel answered her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ And Mary said, ‘Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.’ And the angel departed from her.”

Matthew 1:18-25, “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’ All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord

commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.”

1 John 4:7-16, “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”

*RESPONSE*

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord.

*Congregation:* **Amen.**

*PASTORAL PRAYER*

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 66:1-6

Tune: DIADEM

Celebration Hymnal #47

**1** All lands to God in joyful sounds  
Aloft your voices raise;  
**2** Sing forth the honor of His name,

And glorious make His praise.  
**2** Sing forth the honor of His name,  
And glorious make His praise.

**3** Say unto God, How terrible  
In all Thy works art Thou!  
Through Thy great power Thy foes to Thee  
Shall be constrained to bow,  
*Through Thy great power Thy foes to Thee  
Shall be constrained to bow,*

**4** Yes, all the earth shall worship Thee  
And unto Thee shall sing;  
And to Thy name most glo-ri-ous  
Their songs of praise shall bring,  
*And to Thy name most glo-ri-ous  
Their songs of praise shall bring,*

**5** O come, behold the works of God  
His mighty doings see;  
In dealing with the sons of men  
Most terrible is He,  
*In dealing with the sons of men  
Most terrible is He,*

#### SERMON

The Advent of Our Lord: The Angels of the Advent  
Luke 2:13-14

#### HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Celebration Hymnal #277

#### COMMUNION

*(Once a Month | Next Observance is December 26)*

#### COMMISSIONING

##### BENEDICTION

*Minister:* "Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ... The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Corinthians 13:11, 14)

*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

### WEDNESDAY

Evening Bible Study 7:00 PM – 7:40 PM

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**The Lord's Day, December 5th, 2021**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**