

Order of the Worship Service
Sunday, December 3, 2023, 10:00am
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Beau Smith, preaching

Choral Prelude

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS
Sanctuary Choir, Tom Kyser, director

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Congregational Life

Moment for Stewardship

Session Clerk, Trent Gustafson

*Call to Worship

One: Come, people of faith, come join your hearts in worship.

All: We hear the invitation and hunger to join in the feast.

One: God is faithful and calls us into the loving presence of Jesus, who is the Christ.

All: We come to join with those who watch and wait and celebrate. Amen.

*Opening Hymn 9

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Prayer of Confession

Patient, everlasting source of life, we know that you are present with those who gladly do what's right; we know that you remember those who remember you; we know that your judgment is just. We hunger for the assurance of your love, but in our hearts we feel unclean. We fear that the acts we think so righteous are more like filthy bits of cloth, unfit to dress a wound or to clothe the naked. Do not be angry beyond measure, O holy and loving champion of the forgotten. Do not remember our sins forever, but embrace us with your love, for we are all your people, even though we so often forget. Amen

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon (*from 1 John 1:4-7*)

Fear not, for our creator is the loving maker of every thought and thing.

We are the clay; each one of us is being formed by God's all-loving hand, crafted for a purpose, and cherished as a vessel made for love. In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven.

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And with you!

Moment for Children

Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Sermon

"Pray for Something Big"
Beau Smith, preaching

Hymn of Preparation 514

LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY

Holy Communion

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 139

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Blessing