

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer *Hymnal, page 35*

Announcements

Offertory Anthem: "A Star Rising In The East" *Pepper Chopin*

*Response: "Doxology" *Hymnal #606*

*Affirmation of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed" *Hymnal, page 35*

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn: "Lo, How A Rose" *Hymnal #129*

*Benediction

*Choral Response: "Sevenfold Amen"

*Postlude

Sanctuary flowers are given by the Lenig and Moomaw families in honor of their handsome son, Konnor: Happy Birthday! Love, Mom, Dad, Carol, Dantie and Uncle Marc.

Refreshments are provided by the Retana Family.



December 3, 2017
First Sunday in Advent

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

An asterisk indicates places where the congregation should stand, as able. **Bold text indicates words spoken together in unison.*

Prelude

Chiming of the Hour *WESTMINSTER*

Lighting of the First Advent Candle *Sgt. Cary, Laura & Cora Price*

Welcome & Opening Prayer

*Hymn: "Prepare The Way, O Zion" *Hymnal #106*

*Prayer of Confession

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words of Forgiveness & Passing of the Peace

You are invited to turn and greet your neighbors, saying "May the peace of Christ be with you."

*Response: "Glory Be to the Father" *Hymnal #581*

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "I Hear The Prophet Callin'" *Pepper Chopin*

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 *Old Testament, page 640*
James 5:7-10 *New Testament, page 231*

Sermon: "Voices from Bethlehem: The Last Prophet" *Rev. Locke*

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . . who forever sing the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: [Continues with prayer]

Breaking of the Bread & Communion of the People

When directed by the ushers, please come down the center aisle, tear a piece of bread from the loaf, and dip the bread in the cup. The cup on the right contains red wine, while the cup on the left contains white grape juice. If you require gluten-free or cubed bread, please notify an usher.

Communion Anthem: "Worthy Is The Lamb" *Pepper Chopin*

Clothed in righteousness, robed in glory, Holy is the Lord of Host. Blessing and honor, glory and power to Him, Who reigns upon the throne. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, To receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, To receive honor and praise forever more. I heard the voice of many angels, They were gathered around the throne. They were ten thousand times ten thousand, All the angels joined as one. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, To receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, To receive honor and praise forever more. Amen.