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Sunday, December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

8:30am

As the prelude plays, silently come into the Lord's presence.
Open your heart and give yourself up to Christ who is here to meet you today.
"Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

PRELUDE "Pastorale on *Forest Green*" – Purvis

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS / RINGING OF THE BELL

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: (8:30) Guise Family; (11:00) Marsh Family

Leader: This first Sunday in Advent we light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope.
May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way of salvation.

People: **O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*HYMN *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* No. 2

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

O Holy One, Lord of Hosts, we thank You and praise You for shining Your light into our darkness. We confess that as we shop and decorate and tell our children about Your birth, we secretly want to be just like them and experience again the wonder and joy of the first Christmas. Forgive us that while our hearts and souls yearn for Your light, our eyes are too often turned away from it. So please hear us today and every time we see the Christmas lights and whisper "Emmanuel." We ask this in name of the One who was, is, and ever shall be the Light of the World, Christ Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

[Please share Christ's peace with one another with handshakes, hugs, kisses—however you feel led.]

*HYMN *"Spirit of the Living God"*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Beth Feiler

(For those who wish, children grades 1-4 can leave for children's church at this time.)

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7 (OT p638)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-18 (NT p91)

SERMON

ADVENT SERIES: THE HEART OF CHRIST

Rev. Robert Bronkema

"A Heart for Salvation"

*HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

No. 280

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Prepare" – Martin

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Welcome

Distribution

*[Worshippers: please hold the bread, that we may eat together as Christ's one people.

Please drink as you are ready,

in acknowledgment of our individual standing before the Lord.]

*ALLELUIA

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Fantasy on Truro" - Bingham

11:00am

Greeting & Announcements

*Praise & Worship

*Open the Eyes of My Heart
King of Heaven
God With Us*

Prayer & Peace

Children's Message: Beth Feiler

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Scripture Readings

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Sermon: **Advent Series: The Heart of Christ**

"A Heart for Salvation"

Communion

*Offering/Closing Song

Worthy is the Lamb

*Benediction

SERMON NOTES:

<p>Next Week Advent Sermon Series: The Heart of Christ Isaiah 42:6-9 Matthew 2:1-12 <i>"A Heart for the World"</i></p>
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