



# December 1 First Sunday of Advent

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## SEEKING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome Rev. Chris Michael

Bringing of the Light

Bell of Mindfulness  
(Please use this time for quiet reflection.)

Prelude Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano  
"Ye Nations All, on You I call"  
American Folk Melody  
arr. Todd Beaney

\*Call to Worship Pam Woodward

One: On Jordan's bank stands the prophet John.

**All: John hears God's Word spoken loud and clear.**

One: The prophet listens carefully to the Word and acts.

**All: John's clear message brings people together to face realities.**

One: The prophet recognizes the supreme worth of Jesus Christ.

**All: And we, the followers of Jesus, offer worship and prayer and service, in the name of God's Anointed One.**

**\*Hymn #119**  
**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

\*Invocation and Lord's Prayer Pam Woodward  
(using "debts" and "debtors")

## **Lighting of the Advent Wreath- Candle of Justice**

Children's Blessing Rev. Chris Michael  
Children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited forward for a blessing, then will be escorted to Worship and Wonder  
(located at the end of the first floor education wing)

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Chris Michael

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Choir Message  
"Arise, Your Light Has Come"  
-FESTAL song

Second Scripture Reading Rev. Chris Michael

Luke 1:26-38

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Chris Michael

"Let it Be"

Invitation to Discipleship

**\*Hymn #125**  
**"Come, O Long-expected Jesus"**

## OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

Preparation for the Offering Rev. Chris Michael

Offertory Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"The Wexford Carol"

Irish Carol

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

\*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts (Page 46)

\*Dedication Prayer

## RENEWING THE COVENANT IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We are one in Christ, let everyone share in this communion  
without regard for denominational affiliation.*

*You are invited to take the cup and bread after your prayers.*

Invitation to Communion Eric Farmer & Naomi O'Hearn

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion Music Ann Jeannette Pierce, Piano

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Timothy R. Matthews

Arr. Jay Rouse

## GOING IN PEACE TO LOVE AND TO SERVE

\*Benediction Rev. Chris Michael

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Please stand if you are able.

## Scripture Reading

### Reading- Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 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 ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' 34 Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' 35 The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.' 38 Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.