

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - “*Watchman, Tell us of the Night*”
tune, Aberystwyth; arr. Parry

HYMN 933 - *we sing, standing*

ADVENT WREATH ~ 4th SUNDAY

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, on this Fourth Sunday in Advent, we recall the fullness of time, when the Son of God became man, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary. We remember Mary’s joyful acceptance of God’s plan. In her “yes” to God, the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. As we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath, let us join Mary as willing servants of the Lord; may our “yes” welcome Christ into our world.

Lord Jesus, You are mighty God and Prince of Peace. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, You are the Son of God and Son of the Virgin Mary. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, You are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**O Come, desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins

which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 89:1-5 - *we speak in unison*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

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page 173 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all stand*

Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!

After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 900 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, last page
all standing*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY

10:30 - *Parish Choir sings “Behold, a Tiny Baby” by Lightfoot*

page 177 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 178 - **SANCTUS**

LORD’S PRAYER

page 179 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD
SHARING OF PEACE**

page 180 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT *During the Distribution we sing HYMNS 338 & 342*

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior’s Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - as signs of his forgiveness and of our Christian family solidarity.

NEWS AND NOTES

This Week Here

Wed - 7:15PM - Bell Choir - bring mask
- 8:00PM - Parish Choir - bring mask

Last Sunday Here

Worshiping: 37 **Offering:** \$3,920

Bottles & Cans collected this year has brought in \$180.15 for our preschool. Thank you to everyone who has dropped bottles and cans off and a special thank you to Al Manke, who has faithfully returned them for the deposit money.

2021 Calendars are a gift to our congregation compliments of the Alderson Ford Funeral Homes. You are welcome to pick one up from our hallway counter or narthex table.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

The Lord Builds a House for David: Jesus Christ Who Comes in the Flesh - When King David “lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,” he piously supposed that he would build a house for God (2 Sam. 7:1–2). But the Lord would turn it around: He would establish a house for David and an everlasting throne. This He has done not only for David, but also for all His people, in the Son of David, Jesus Christ, “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary” (Apostles’ Creed). That holy child, the incarnate “*Son of the Most High*,” receives “*the throne of his father David*” and begins to reign “*over the house of Jacob forever*” (Luke 1:32–33). Having given Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, His body is the true and eternal temple of God in which His people have their own place of peace and rest. That is “*the mystery that was kept secret for long ages*” but is now “*made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God*” in order that we may have faith and life in Christ (Rom. 16:25–26).

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 181 - **POST COMMUNION
CANTICLE** - *all standing*

page 183 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 352 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - “*Ricercar pro Adventus*” by
Johann Fischer

2021 Pledges - Please assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations by returning your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!

Christmas Eve Communion Services this year will be held at 4:00, 7:00 and Candlelight service at 10:00. Sign-up for these services will begin on Tuesday, December 22 and will be open until all three services are filled.

Portals of Prayer (daily home devotional booklets for adults) - regular & large-print editions - on narthex table. Help yourself to a copy - and take one for a friend, if you wish.