

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 3, 2017

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise | "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

(8:30) Jose Portillo Family
(11:15) Reagan Swank Family

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Call to Confession

Psalm 139:23-24

Minister: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me, and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Public Confession

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you love us, but we have not loved you. You have opened your heart to us, and in our pride we have spurned your care. You have given us all things, and we have squandered your gifts. We have grieved you and caused hurt to others, and we are not worthy to be called your children. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Cleanse us from our sin and receive us again, that we might nevermore stray from your love but always remain within the sound of your voice.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Romans 5:17

Minister: If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering | Worship Choir | "The Work of Christmas"

The Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"The Theology of Christmas-Part 1"

John 1:1-3

Rev. Richard Harris

Celebration of Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is fitting and right that we give you thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your name, saying, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest."

Words of Institution

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Closing Song | "Prepare the Way"

Benediction

Postlude