



The congregation is invited to read/sing the **bold font**.
*Indicates the congregation may stand unannounced.
Amplification devices to assist with hearing are available at the sound booth.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” by James Gilbert

*CALL TO WORSHIP “Now Thank We All Our God”
K. Lee Scott
Verses 1 & 3 Choir & Congregation; Verse 2 Choir Only

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother’s arms, has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today**

*Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next*

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.**

*RESPONSIVE WORDS FOR ADVENT
Indeed, on this first Sunday of Advent, we are called to worship by
the One whose coming we await,
“the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.”

*SONG OF WORSHIP #152 “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God who is with us as we wait—
When we are weary from grief and worry,
unable to see a way forward,
Advent God, strengthen our patience with renewed hope.

When our differences leave us
disconnected and divided from others,
Advent God, stir up our courage to pursue peace.

When we are stuck in cycles
of cynicism and suspicion,
Advent God, rekindle our capacity for joy.

When we are dismissive and disinterested
in the needs of our neighbors, near and far,
Advent God, reawaken our hearts to the fullness of your love.

A period of silence for personal reflection and confession.

As this advent light sparks and spreads each week,
**may your Spirit spark and spread
the hope of Christ’s presence through us
as we actively wait for the fullness of time.
In the name of Jesus, God with us, we pray . . . amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Adapted from *The Worship Sourcebook*
The good news of this Advent season
is forgiveness of sin and new life.
**Thanks be to the Advent God,
who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve the world.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
Congregation, bless your children.
You are God’s beloved child. With you, God is well pleased.

*SONG OF PREPARATION #158 “Blessed Be the God of Israel”

SCRIPTURE & SERMON Matthew 1:1-3
It’s Complicated - Jesus’ Family Tree: Judah

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Our Song of Hope: Stanza 3 & Our Prayer*
**Our only hope is Jesus Christ.
After we refused to live in the image of God,
he was born of the virgin Mary,
sharing our genes and our instincts,
entering our culture,
speaking our language,
fulfilling the law of God.**

**Being united to Christ’s humanity,
we know ourselves when we rest in him.**

**Come, Lord Jesus:
We are open to your Spirit.
We await your full presence.
Our world finds rest in you alone.**

*SONG OF THANKSGIVING tune: Old Hundredth; text: Ruth Duck
**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;
All glory, honor to God’s name! Amen.**

*Tithes/offerings placed in the baskets at the entrance of the sanctuary
are brought forward as a sign of our response to God’s call on our lives.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

*SONG OF RESPONSE #154 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG “My Friends, May You Grow in Grace”
*The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the center aisle,
blessing one another in song.*

**My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of our Lord, and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace,
and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.**

*POSTLUDE “Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts” by Camille Saint-Saens

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THIS WILL ONLY TAKE A **SECOND**
Actually, it may take 60 seconds, but check out the info below.

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ADVENT SERMON SERIES

Family stories are often messy and complex. Every story seemingly has a crazy uncle or backwards aunt. Jesus' family story is no different. This Advent, we'll spend some time with a few of the characters included in Jesus' family story—the genealogy from Matthew 1. Join us for our Advent series, entitled: "It's Complicated - Jesus' Family Tree."

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF November 30, 2025

TODAY

9:45 am Worship Service
NO High School Youth Group Today
NO Middle School Youth Group Today

TUESDAY

8:00 am Men's Group
2:00 pm Coffee, Cookies, and Conversation

WEDNESDAY

5:45 pm Advent Program Practice
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

NEXT SUNDAY

9:45 am Worship Service
11:00 am Congregational Meeting
11:00 am Advent Program Practice
2:30 pm High School Youth Group
4:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Middle School Youth Group

Greeters: Renauds

Next Week: Doug & Elaine Baker, Cheri Scherr

Nursery: Allie Thomas, Jessi Galligan, Lark & Rory Thomas

Next Week: Anna Allen

Storyteller: Lisa Zylstra

Next Week: No Children & Worship--Family Worship

Barista: Vanden Bosch

Next Week: Petersons

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First Sunday of Advent
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