

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day, December 2, 2018

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Kendi Fiscus

Welcome and Announcements

(Register Attendance)

Meditation

Psalm 119:75-76

"I know, O LORD, that Your laws are righteous, and in faithfulness You have afflicted me. May Your unfailing love be my comfort, according to Your promise to Your servant."

APPROACHING GOD IN WORSHIP

Greeting: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship:

Psalm 96:7-9

Minister: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations,
Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

People: Bring an offering and come into His courts.

Minister: Worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness;

People: Tremble before Him, all the earth.

Hymn of Adoration

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

#218

Prayer of Adoration

Gloria Patri

#735

Ministry of Music

The Christmas Song

Laura Doeden
by Laura Doeden

Advent Candle

The Prophecy Candle

Kyle and Kaili Doeden

APPROACHING GOD IN CONFESSION AND SERVICE

Call to Confession:

Philippians 4:4-7

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Prayer of Confession in Unison:

O Mighty King of Glory, You are the Captain of our lives and the Ruler of the world. Help us to enthrone You in our hearts. Subdue in us that which is not holy, and summon our allegiance during the hour of our tempting.

At Your name every knee will bow throughout the entire creation. Empower us to make You known. Remind us that our Savior suffered for us.

Help us then to honor Your call. We bow our hearts in humble petition before Your throne of justice and mercy.

We ask it in the name of our Lord Jesus. Amen

Now hear the Lord's Assurance of Pardon

"In a surge of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you, says the LORD your Redeemer."

Isaiah 54:8

Offertory Prayer

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Doxology

#731

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#194

Pastoral Prayer

RECEIVING THE WORD OF GOD

The Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 40:1-8

Luke 1:5-25

Minister: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and observe it.

People: **Open our eyes, that we may see wonderful things from Thy Word.**

Children may leave at this time for Children's Church. (Ages 3-7)

The Morning Sermon

The Forerunner

Rev. Don Rackley

Prayer of Application

Hymn

Love of God

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RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Apostles' Creed

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Words of Institution and Invitation

I Corinthians 11:23-29

Prayer of Confession and Consecration

Receiving the Bread

Is not the bread we break a sharing in the body of Christ? I Cor. 10:16

Receiving the Cup

Is not the cup of blessing a sharing in the blood of Christ? I Cor. 10:16

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ministry of Mercy Offering will be taken as you leave.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (v.1-2)

#224

Benediction

Hymn

Go, Tell It on the Mountain (v.3)

#224

Postlude

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Don Rackley, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Tim Rackley, *Associate Pastor*

Marlon Johnston, *Assisting Elder*

Brad Doeden, *Music Leader*

Liesel Engelbrecht, *Pianist*

SERMON OUTLINE

The Forerunner

The Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 40:1-8

Luke 1:5-25

Point: God always remembers His people.

I. The Forerunner

A. The Announcement

B. The Culture

C. The Schedule

II. The Temple Service

A. The Lot Was Drawn

B. The Petition

C. The Promise

III. The Messenger

A. The Spirit's Ministry

B. The First Prophecy

C. The Fearless Preacher