

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Prelude Hegarty
Souvenir

Silent Meditation *Isaiah 44:6*
**Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer,
the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god."**

Welcome and Announcements

Chimes

Introit Caldbeck
Peace, Perfect Peace

Call to Worship *Psalm 93*

Prayer of Adoration, Approach, Confession

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Responsive Reading *Isaiah 9:6-7*
*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called*

**Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

*Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,*

**on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it
and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.**

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Hymns #s 124, 133
**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

Offertory Clarke
He Bringeth Peace

Presentation of Gifts and Doxology #625

Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and Intercession

Hymn #136

The First Noel

Scripture Reading (p. 976)
Ephesians 1:9-10

Sermon Rev. John Flanagan
The Salvation Mystery

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord of love, we rejoice in the wonder and humility we discover in breaking this bread. We give thanks for the invitation to join you here. As we receive the bread, set our hearts on loving ways, and set our minds and hands to building the best into our daily living.

We are grateful for this cup Father. For its calling us to remember the cost of our redemption. For its reminding us the cost was met with love. For its judging of the way we live. You have touched this cup with the spirit of your Son. Touch our lives with the spirit of thanksgiving and celebration. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Action and Communion

Acclamation

MINISTER:

Your death, O Lord, we commemorate. Your resurrection we confess. Your final coming we await. Glory be to you, O Christ.

CONGREGATION:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Hymn #460
All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Closing Words

Choral Response

**O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
For HE alone is worthy, For HE alone is worthy,
For HE alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.**

Benediction

Postlude Nordman
Blessed Be the Lord God