

# *Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship*

## *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Sunday, December 22nd 2024*

*11:00am*

### *God Calls Us Into His Holy Presence*

#### **The Words of Preparation** *(for individual use before worship)*

*"O come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."*

#### **The Chiming of the Hour, the Words of Welcome, and Passing of the Peace**

*The peace of our Lord be with you!*

*And also with you!*

#### **The Trinity Chime, the Prayer of Invocation, and Prelude**

##### **\*The Call to Worship** *from Luke 1:46-50*

People of God, lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord!**

Our souls magnify You, O Lord;

**our spirits rejoice in You, O Savior!**

You have done great things for us, O Mighty One!

**Alleluia! Holy is Your name!**

##### **\*The Opening Hymn** #100 *"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"*

#### **The Opening Prayer of Adoration**

...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, **one God now and forever.**

**Amen.**

#### **The Choral Introit** *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

### *God Convicts, Assures, and Restores Us*

#### **The Confession of Our Sins**

**Almighty God, we confess that our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbors' needs, and we do not love You above all else. We need a Savior. Make us ready to welcome the One You sent for our salvation, and to follow Him with glad obedience...***(continue in silent confession)*

#### **The Gospel Promise of God's Forgiveness** *from 1 Timothy 1:15; Psalm 124:8, 51:5*

"The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - and I am the chief one." This is God's promise for all who repent and truly believe: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, and you are made new!

##### **\*The Sung Response** #82 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* (v. 1)

**Come, Thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set Thy peo-ple free; from our fears and sins re-lease us; let us find our rest in Thee. Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear de-sire of ev-ery na-tion, joy of ev-ery long-ing heart.**

##### **\*The Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles Creed (located on pew card)*

#### **The Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes**

##### **\*The Sung Response of Gratitude and Praise** *The Doxology (located on Pew Card)*

##### **\*The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

#### **The Choral Anthem** *"Alleluia for the Savior"*

### *God Speaks and Seals His Promises in His Word*

#### **The Scripture Lesson** *Isaiah 50:4-9*

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#### **The Sermon** *"An Old Testament Christmas (4): The Saving Servant"*

**\*The Hymn of Response #104 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”**

**The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

*God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ*

**\*The Closing Hymn #106 “Prepare the Way, O Zion”**

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Congregational Benediction #82, “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” (v. 2)**

**Born Thy pe-ople to de-liv-er, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us  
for-ev-er, now Thy gra-cious king-dom bring. By Thine own e-ter-nal Spir-it rule  
in all our hearts a-lone; by Thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it raise us to Thy glo-rious  
throne.**