

# *Lord's Day Service of Divine Worship*

## *The Second Sunday of Advent*

*Sunday, December 8th 2024*

*11:00am*

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

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

*"God of grace, ever faithful to Your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming and looks with longing to His return in the fullness of time. Prepare our hearts to receive Him when He comes, for He is Lord forever and ever. Amen."*

#### **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 Phil. 4:4*

People of God, lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord!**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice!

**Make our gentleness evident to all, for You are near, Lord Jesus!**

##### **\*The Opening Hymn** #357 *"The Days Are Surely Coming"*

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

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

**Amen.**

#### **The Choral Introit** ""

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

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

**O Lord Jesus, all creation yearns for Your coming, but we are forgetful. We don't look for Your peace, or hope for Your justice: our lives do not reflect Your eternal Kingdom. Pour out Your Spirit, and free us to love You and serve You with gladness and unwavering hope until You come again, O King of kings...** *(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 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**

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

#### **The Sacrament of Christian Baptism**

*Kendrick Michael Hays*

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

**The Sung Response:** #486 *"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"*

#### **The Scripture Lesson** *Isaiah 9:2-7*

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#### **The Sermon** *"An Old Testament Christmas (2): A Son for You"*

\*The Hymn of Response *“What Child is This?”*

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

*God Sends Us Forth to Live in Christ*

\*The Closing Hymn #107 *“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”*

\*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.**