

# A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

November 27, 2005

## The First Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

\*All who are able may stand.

**Bold type spoken by the congregation**

### THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

*"Comfort, Comfort You My People"*

Genevan Psalter

The Call To Worship

Lighting the *Advent Candle*

The Prayer of Praise

\*The Hymn 2

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

\*The Prayer of Confession

*Isaiah 64:6-9*

**Awesome God, we confess the sin of our separation from you. We have blamed you for hiding from us, rather than admitting we have failed to see you in the thousands of ways you are revealing yourself every day. We have not called on you, and we have not listened for your call to us. Without you, we have become tiny islands of self-concern. Our links with the rest of your children are stretched and broken. In your mercy, forgive us through Christ Jesus...time for silent confession)...**

\*The Choral Response

\*The Assurance of Pardon

\*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

\*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**  
(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.  
Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

### TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

**We await Your Word, faithful God, giver of all strength. And we wait for our Savior, Jesus Christ, to be revealed on the day of Your choosing. Strengthen us while we wait with every spiritual gift we need to be ready for that time. While we wait, send us out proclaiming Your Word to ready neighbors for the day of Your coming. Bless us with Your Holy Spirit as we hear, preach, and bear witness to Your Word in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Isaiah 64:1-9*

p. 849 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 80:1-7,17-19*

p. 665 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

*"He Comes To Us"*  
(text by Albert Schweitzer)

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The *Epistle* Lesson: *I Corinthians 1:3-9*

p. 201 in the pew Bible

A Moment With the Children

\*The Hymn 11

*"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"*

The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 13:24-37*

p. 61 in the pew Bible

The Sermon

“Awakening”  
Allen H. Fisher, Jr.

AND TO MAKE PROPER RESPONSE. . .

\*The *Nicene Creed*

p. 15 in the Hymnal

The Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Dedication

The Service of Offering

The Offertory

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. . .

\*The Hymn of Preparation 5     *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"*

The Invitation  
The Call To Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

. . . We bless Your holy name and praise You forevermore.  
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might,**  
**Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. . .**  
Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. . .**

The Lord's Prayer

p. 16 in the Hymnal

The Communion

(Worshippers may partake of the bread and the cup as they are offered,  
following their own quiet moments of preparation.)

The Prayer After Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME.

\*The Hymn 442

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

\*The Charge & Benediction

*"Seven-Fold Amen"*

\*Postlude