

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is not a Presbyterian table; it is the Lord's table. All are invited to share in this life-giving feast, including children with the permission of a parent. If you have children in the nursery and you would like them to participate in Communion, please go and get them at this time so that they may participate with the family of faith and learn from the adults around them.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Therefore, with the entire company of heaven
...join in the never-ending hymn:

All: **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.

One: Therefore, in remembrance...for the world as we declare:

All: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*HYMN #13 (PH)

“Prepare the Way”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

One: Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—
For the light of God's love is discernible everywhere.

All: **We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

One: The good news of Advent is this:
Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

All: **We will welcome Christ into our hearts. We will let ourselves be
guided by his ministry. We will go forth from this place in hope.**

POSTLUDE

“Hope Has Dawned”

First Presbyterian Church Willmar, MN December 3, 2017



1st Sunday in Advent

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.*

*Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE "In the Bleak Midwinter *with* Winter Snow"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***GREAT ENTRY #2 (SH)** "We Come to Your Feast"

***ADVENT CANDLE LITANY – The Candle of Hope**

Lighting of the Candle

Advent Response: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Verse 1 (PH #9)

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel**

Advent Prayer

***HYMN(Insert)** "While We Are Waiting, Come"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of noise and fear, God of quiet and storm, as we gather in your house, may we see you enlivening our worship today.

Piano: **Come, Lord Jesus, come and upset our carefully guarded routine, our carefully ordered structure.**

Pulpit: **Come crashing in making yourself heard in the cacophony, come tiptoeing in making us sit up and take notice.**

One: Surprise us with all the ways you are present to us. Bring calm and reassurance that your love never falters and that your Spirit never leaves us.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus, be known in our imperfect lives today and, by your presence, cleanse and renew us with your unpredictable Spirit today. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still. Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

***GLORIA PATRI #577 (PH)**

THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN(Insert)

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 3:1, 8-30

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

"Word of Warning"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER #1 (SH)

Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today, our daily bread;

forgive our sins and turn us from temptation.

The kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.

A-men, a-men, a-men.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

"The Name of Emmanuel"

***DOXOLOGY #592 (PH)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**