

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ORDER OF WORSHIP – November 29, 2020

***Call to Worship – Psalm 149:1-2**

“Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!”

***Hymn of Praise: “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #196**

***Prayer of Adoration and The Lord’s Prayer**

Call to Confession: Psalm 139:23-24

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

Prayer of Confession:

Lord, you are worthy of all our praise, you are deserving of our undying adoration, and our unfailing allegiance. Yet, before your glorious presence, we are undone by our depraved hearts. Lord, our praise is distorted, our adoration is half-hearted, and our allegiance is fickle and misplaced. Oh God, we are prone toward trouble, our selfishness and pride burn like fire, and the flames of our affections scorch the beauty of your creation. We are in need of your grace, oh God, for our sinfulness is great. We are in need of your mercy, oh God, for our hearts are malicious. We confess our sins before you this morning and plead for your forgiveness at the foot of the cross. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Daniel 9:9

“To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him.”

***Hymn of Response: “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” #156**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Pastoral Prayer – Rev. David Stewart

***Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:1-7**

Sermon: “God Sent His Son”

***Hymn of Response: “I Am Thine, O Lord” #533**

***Benediction: Romans 11:33,36**

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.”