

***Hymn 106** "Prepare the Way, O Zion"
Paraments are placed during the hymn.

Scripture Reading Micah 5:2-5
Communion ware is brought and arranged on the table.

Scripture Reading Psalm 36:7, 9
The baptismal pitcher is placed on the stand by the font.

Hymn 88 (verses 1, 6, 7) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Clara Hare-Grogg, violin / Vivian Hare, piano

Prayer of Confession
**Forgive us, Lord, for the mockery we make
of grace and truth, goodwill and peace, in Jesus' Advent time.
We confess the vulgar festival: the scheming gifts, the bounded love,
the sentimental song, the lavish ostentation,
while inns are full and stables are ignored.
The homeless wander in the night, and innocents die by our neglect.**

Kyrie Eleison 575 (unison) "Lord Have Mercy upon Us"

Assurance of Pardon

Response 602 (unison) "Holy Lamb of God"
**Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.**

Scripture Readings Psalm 4:6; Isaiah 42:6-7; John 1:4-5, 9

Anthem "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Redner
The Tarnished Brass
Candles on the communion table are lit.

Scripture Readings Isaiah 60:1; Isaiah 9:2

Hymn 110 "Love Has Come"
The candles on the communion table are lit.

Meditation Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Lighting of the Advent Candle Hope
The baptismal pitcher is placed on the stand by the font.

Anthem "I Wonder as I Wander" Niles
Gayle Sawyer, soprano

Scripture Readings Isaiah 60:13; Hosea 14:8

Anthem "The Holly and the Ivy" trad. English
Vocal Quartet
Wreaths are raised during the anthem.

Scripture Readings Luke 2:34-35; Isaiah 53:4-5

Meditation Julian of Norwich

Hymn 95 "Prepare the Way of the Lord"
*The hymn will be sung together twice before being sung as a round.
Poinsettias are placed during the singing.*

Scripture Readings Revelation 22:12, 13, 16; I John 5:11, 20

Hymn 2 (verses 1 and 2) "Come, Thou Almighty King"

The Sermon "The Bright Morning Star" Keith Grogg

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (traditional)
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.**

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts