

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

GATHERING

Welcome *from Romans 13:11-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:5-6*

L Awake from your sleep; salvation is near!

C The night is far gone; the day is at hand,

L For we are not children of darkness, for the day to surprise us like a thief,

C But we are children of the light and of the day.

Prayer

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Opening Hymn (Blue #559) *"We Gather Together"*

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Worship from the Psalms *(from Psalm 122)*

L I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

C Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

L Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

C To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,

L as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

C For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David.

L Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

C Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."

L For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

C For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in the season of Advent you call us. You call us to wake from sleep, to become aware to our surroundings. You call us to look again at our attitudes and actions that need your healing touch. You call us to look again at our world and see where the good news of your Son needs to be shared. Forgive us when we'd rather be drowsy and unaware, when we avoid conflict without and within, and when our judgment and our self-judgment outweigh our faith. Shine the light of Christ upon us, so we might be awake, see clearly your call, and reflect your light in the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon *(from Isaiah 12:1-3)*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Special Music (Blue #20) *"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Isaiah 2:1-5*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Thank you, Dan Badenhop, for being liturgist today.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.



If you did not return your **pledge card for 2026**, please return it as soon as you can. There are extra stewardship cards in the back of the sanctuary.

Our **Wednesday Advent Celebrations** with Christ United Methodist and St. Paul United Methodist are shaping up:

- On Wednesday, December 3rd, we are invited to the Christ United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. for some hors d'oeuvres and a casual worship while we decorate Christmas cookies.
- On Wednesday, December 10th, we are inviting both Methodist churches to join us here at 6:00 p.m. to sing carols, have a soup supper and a game night.
- On Wednesday, December 17th, we are invited to St. Paul United Methodist Church for a dinner at 5:30 p.m. and a blues Christmas worship service at 7:00 p.m. with the "Third Floor Blues Band".

Congregational Life meets at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 4th.

Connecting to the Community meets at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 4th.

Operations meets at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 5th.

On Sunday, December 14th, we will have a **Christmas-themed potluck** after church.

There are several **Christmas Concerts** at area churches on the portable bulletin board in the south alcove. If you would like to go to any of them, please talk with Bruce.

Our **Cards of the Week** are for the missions we support. Next week's cards will be for our shut-ins and prayer partners. In two weeks, our cards will be for former pastors and their families.

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Matthew 24:36-44

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Message Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #5) *“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

*Offering Prayer

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord, in your mercy,
Please respond,
Hear our prayer.

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

NORTHCREST NURSING HOME: Harold Badertscher	VANCREST: Dollie Smith
BROWNING MASONIC: Connie Cobb	ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson
PRAYER LIST: Gene & Carol Detmer, Joe & Linda McOscar, Julie Fogle, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder’s sister), Enoch & Adyē Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall’s father and mother), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek’s Wife)	

Lord’s Prayer

**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**

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Blue #376) *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

*Blessing and Benediction

Departing Music

