

The Lord be with you.

As we enter the season of Advent, may the love of God the Father,
and the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be and abide with us all.



silent night.. holy night

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Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

**“What human being could know all the treasures of
wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ and concealed
under the poverty of His humanity?”**

~ Augustine

We cross the threshold of the secular to the Sacred, from the common
to the Uncommon, from the profane to the Holy.

Come, let us worship God.

Order of Worship Service

Let us prepare our hearts for worship!

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: **Psalm 134**

Corporate Confession: Congregation **Stands** Responsive Reading

Elder – “The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always
chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.” **Psalm 103:8-9**

Congregation – “He does not deal with us according to our
sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the
heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward
those who fear him;” **Psalm 103:10-11**

Belgic Confession Article 21

Article XXI – The Satisfaction of Christ, Our Only High Priest, for Us

We believe that Jesus Christ is ordained with an oath to be an everlasting High Priest, after the order of Melchizedek; and that He has presented Himself in our behalf before the Father, to appease His wrath by His full satisfaction, by offering Himself on the tree of the cross, and pouring out His precious blood to purge away our sins, as the prophets had foretold. For it is written: He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and numbered with the transgressors; and condemned by Pontius Pilate as a malefactor, though he had first declared Him innocent. Therefore, He restored that which he took not away, and suffered, the righteous for the unrighteous, as well in His body as in His soul, feeling the terrible punishment which our sins had merited; insomuch that his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground. He called out: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? and has suffered all this for the remission of our sins. Wherefore we justly say with the apostle Paul that we know nothing save Jesus Christ, and him crucified; we count all things but loss and refuse for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose wounds we find all manner of consolation. Neither is it necessary to seek or invent any other means of being reconciled to God than this only sacrifice, once offered, by which he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. This is also the reason why He was called by the angel of God, JESUS, that is to say, SAVIOR, because He would save his people from their sins.

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The word advent simply means coming. The Advent season, sometimes called simply Advent, refers to the time that leads up to the coming of Christ at Christmas. The church has traditionally set aside the four Sundays before Christmas as the season of Advent. Sometimes people use Advent Wreaths and candles in the celebration.

“Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man. Awake, you who sleep, rise up from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you. I tell you again: for your sake, God became man.

You would have suffered eternal death, had He not been born in time. Never would you have been freed from sinful flesh, had He not taken on Himself the likeness of sinful flesh. You would have suffered everlasting unhappiness, had it not been for this mercy. You would never have returned to life, had He not shared your death. You would have been lost if He had not hastened to your aid. You would have perished, had He not come.

Let us then joyfully celebrate the coming of our salvation and redemption. Let us celebrate the festive day on which He who is the great and eternal day came from the great and endless day of eternity into our own short day of time.”

~ Augustine

“Infinite and an infant.
Eternal, yet born of a woman...
Oh, the wonder of Christmas.”

~ Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Declaration of Forgiveness:

Elder – “My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:”

Lamentations 3:20-21

Congregation – “The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23

Congregation Seated

Offertory Scripture: **Luke 6:37-38**

Prayer

Songs of Praise

Sermon Text: **John 10:11-21** “The Good Shepherd”

Communion

Benediction

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Bible Studies:

Men’s Bible Study

Paul Elliott

Women’s Bible Study

Amanda Banks

“A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

Isaiah 40:3

“Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

Romans 13:11-12

Sermon Notes

**The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.**