

**The Worship of God**  
December 1, 2019 · 10:45 am  
First Sunday of Advent

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**GATHERING as God's Children**

Prelude **Awake, Calls the Voice To Us** J. S. Bach

Welcome and Invocation Jennifer Rygg

*Please sign the friendship register and pass it down the pew.  
If you are the last to sign, please date and tear out the sheet and place it in the offering plate.*

Call to Worship **Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne** arr. Dan Forrest

*As we prepare to light the first candle on the Advent wreath, the Bible will be placed on the altar. During this season of Advent, may we discover how the words of Scripture help us prepare for the birth of Christ.*

Lighting of the Advent Candle Frazier Family

We light the first candle on our Advent wreath as we remember that our Savior was born in humble circumstances, the subject of an emperor who wished to take a census of his people.

**Through faith in Jesus, we are subjects of the kingdom of God, counted as citizens of heaven. Our names are written in the Lamb's book of life!**

The psalmist writes, "On the holy mount stands the city he founded; The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.

**Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God.**

And of Zion it shall be said, 'This one and that one were born in it;' for the Most High himself will establish it.

**The Lord records as he registers the peoples, 'This one was born there.'**

Psalm 87:1-3, 5-6

++ Carol **No. 87** **Arise, Your Light Is Come** FESTAL SONG

**RECEIVING the Word of God and RESPONDING to God in Worship and Service**

Scripture Readings **Numbers 1:1-4, 17-19** Warren Willoughby

(page 102 of pew Bible)

**Luke 2:1-7**

(page 832 of pew Bible)

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

++ Offertory Carol **No. 107** **O Little Town of Bethlehem** ST. LOUIS

++ Offertory Prayer Warren Willoughby

Offertory **The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came** arr. Hal Hopson

*Online giving cards are available in the pew racks. These cards include instructions for making an online contribution and may be placed in the offering plate as an act of worship.*

++Offertory Response **No. 706** **The Doxology** OLD 100TH, alt.

*During the Doxology, children are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary.*

Children's Sermon **"I Spy in Advent"** Jennifer Rygg

*After the children's sermon, children ages 4 - 2nd grade depart for Children's Chapel.*

Anthem **A Light Shall Shine** Larson

Sanctuary Choir  
Lou Wood, soloist

Scripture Readings **Luke 10:1-2, 17-20** Jennifer Rygg

(page 844 of pew Bible)

**Revelation 7:9-12**

(page 999 of pew Bible)

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Sermon **"Count On It!"** Jennifer Rygg

++Carol of Response **No. 79** **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** VENI EMMANUEL

*During the hymn of response, those who desire to follow Christ as Savior, to renew their relationship with God, to unite with this church, or to seek prayer are invited to come forward.*

**GOING Into the World**

Announcements and Pastoral Benediction Jennifer Rygg

Meditation

*As the candles are extinguished, the flame is carried from the sanctuary, reminding us that as we leave this time and space of worship, the Holy Spirit goes with us.*

++ Congregation is invited to stand. Those who prefer may remain seated.  
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**Welcome, Guests!** Thank you for worshiping with us today! Please take a moment to complete the welcome card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

**Worship Notes**

**Children and Worship:** Children of all ages are welcome to join us for worship. If you would like a separate space to nurse or sit with young children during the service, the church library (located behind the sanctuary in room 209) has a rocking chair. The service can be heard through the hallway speakers.

**Nursery** care is available in room 102 for children ages 4 and younger.

**Children's Bulletins** are available at the sanctuary entrances.

**Worship Bags** are available in front of the first pew on each side of the sanctuary. Please take a bag at the beginning of the service and return it to the hook at the end of the service.

**Children's Sermon** takes place after the Doxology. Children of all ages are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary. Following the children's sermon, children ages 4 - 2nd grade may be dismissed to Children's Chapel.

**Children's Chapel** meets in room 215. Children exit after the Children's Sermon and return to the sanctuary during the hymn of response.

Today we begin our **Advent worship series, Unto Us**, featuring key verses from **Luke 2:1-12** that remind us that Christ has come to each one of us. Each week will focus on a different word from the reading.

1st Sunday of Advent: **Registered**    3rd Sunday of Advent: **Great Joy**  
2nd Sunday of Advent: **Lineage**    4th Sunday of Advent: **Firstborn**

**every member a minister**

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*And all went to be registered, each to his own town.*

Luke 2:3

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