



WELCOME TO WORSHIP  
NOVEMBER 29, 2020



FIRST SUNDAY  
OF  
*Advent*

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# WORSHIP SERVICE

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## GATHERING

### Words of Welcome and Announcements

#### God's Greeting

#### Advent Call to Worship (Psalm 66:1-4 & Luke 1:68-71)

*Our reading for the first week in Advent is Psalm 66:1-4 where the God of joy and hope receives the praise of his people:*

*“Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.”*

*Zechariah the priest, the father of John the Baptist, gave praise to God when hearing of the saving hope for Israel. Let's say these words of praise together:*

**“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, because he has come to help and has redeemed his people. For he has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from long ago, that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us.”**

*Prayer:*

*Lord God, we put our hope in you. You planned our salvation from long ago. May we bless your name – the name that is above all names – the name given to the Son of David, our king and redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Praise

### Songs of Praise:

*“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (#56 vs. 1-4)*

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (#61 vs. 1, 6-7)*

## RESPONSE

**Prayers of the People**

**Opportunity for Giving Tithes and Offerings**  
(Designated Offering: General Fund)

## PROCLAMATION

**Scripture: Exodus 20:1-26**

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon:** An Altar of Earth (I Will Come to You)

**Hymn of Response:** “Lo, How A Rose E’re Blooming” (#79)

[Followed by time of online fellowship while preparing for Baptism]

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Baptism of Arlo Jay DeGolia**

Preparation (readings from Matthew 28:18-20, Genesis 17:7,  
Galatians 3:27-29, & Acts 2:39)

Presentation of Arlo by Nick, Lyssa, Brynne

Vows with Congregation

Profession of Faith (Apostles’ Creed)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Baptismal Covenant with Water

Declaration, Welcome & Concluding Prayer

**Song of Gratitude: Jack Hickman**

## SENDING

**Sending & Benediction**

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**Preaching:** Rev. Mark Hofman

**Advent Reader(s):** Jay and Luann Sankey

**Pianist:** Joan DeWindt

**Guitar:** Jack Hickman