

The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

10:50 o'clock

GATHERING "Once In Royal David's City" Smith

CHORAL INTROIT "Come Thou Almighty King" by Girhadini

***CALL TO WORSHIP** the pastor and congregation reading responsively

Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
Awaken your might;
come and save us.

***HYMN No 211** (vs. 1, 5, 6, & 7) "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

***THIS WE BELIEVE** (No. 880) "The Nicene Creed"

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE the congregation in unison

We light this candle as a symbol of expectation. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way to salvation. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

The following prayer shall then be prayed in unison:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER "Open My Eyes, That I May See" by Scott

MORNING PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

CHORAL RESPONSE "Two-Fold Amen" by Bennett

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TITHES & OFFERINGS "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Barry Talley

***PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING** "From Your Hand Received"

Kevin Keil

Refrain

Lord, all we have is from your hand. Lord, all we
of - fer first was yours. Giv - en free - ly in love, in thanks-
giv - ing re - ceived. Lord, all we have is from your hand.

***GREETING** "Greet one another with a holy kiss"
II Corinthians 16:16

***HYMN** "O How He Loves You and Me"

O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!
He gave his life. What more could he give?
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!

EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 1:3-9

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

"The Conspiracy of Holiness"

Pastor Bill Ivins

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

***COMMUNION HYMN No. 622**(vs. 1 & 3 only) *"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

***HYMN No. 196** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *"Three-Fold Amen"* by Martin

***GOING FORTH** *"Sing the Glad Song"* Ritter

(*) please stand, if able

In Our Prayers

James Bagley, Ray Basinger, Tammy Bivins, Cheryl Bryan, Robbin Burrows, Kim Ettel, Mildred Everett, Vera Gallarneau, Norman Grigsby, Mark Hefley, Beth Hester, Christy Howard, Patsy Hutcheson, Bob Jackson Family, Charles Jones, Tandy Klepper, Garrett Kwast, Ruby Little, Larry Logsdon, Flo Martin, Don McMahan, Janet McMahan, Yvonne McCracken, Janette Reid, Ada Rhodes, Claire Rigler, Sis Ritter, Noah Rogers, Eric Seal, Myrna Lou Smith, Phyllis Squyres, Auggie Spurlock, Mary Wayne Spurlock, Tharp Family, Mali, Valasquez.

**This Week at Saint Paul
MONDAY**

7:00 pm Photo Club

TUESDAY

9:30 am Balance Class
10:00 am Advent Study

WEDNESDAY

9:30 am UMW General Meeting
5:45 pm Advent Study
6:00 pm Children
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

SUNDAY

Coming Home for Christmas

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