

Worship Celebration

December 3, 2006

10:45a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

Inlude "Praise Ye The Lord of Hosts" Saint-Saens
"Trumpet Tune Fanfare" Sherman
Organ and Handbells

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Welcome & Announcements

The Call to worship from the Gospel of John

PASTOR: "In the beginning the Word already existed. He was with God, and he was God. He was in the beginning with God. He created everything there is. Nothing exists that He didn't make. Life itself was in him, and this life gives light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

PEOPLE: But although the world was made through Him, the world didn't recognize Him when he came. Even in His own land and among His own people, He was not accepted. But to all who believed Him, He accepted Him, He gave the right to become children of God.

ALL: For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but His only Son has made Him known to us!

Hymn of Praise
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #124

Greeting
Go, Tell It on the Mountain" #138

After Morning Prayer &
After Lord's Prayer (in unison)
"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."

Choral Response

please stand

Anthem
"Creation Will Be at Peace" Chancel choir
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Children's Sermon

Receiving of Tithes & Offering
"He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel

Interlude
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Clark Memorial Handbell Choir

Responsive Reading
"Our God Comes" (printed on the back of the bulletin) First Sunday of Advent

Anthem
"Fairest Lord Jesus/Beautiful Savior" Chancel choir
Arr. Fettke
(the congregation is asked to join the choir; see page 88)

Introduction of the Speaker Betty Hammill

The Morning Message Congressman John Duncan, Jr.

+Hymn of Invitation
"Emmanuel" (Sing two times) #134

+Benediction

Postlude
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Hymn Tune

+please stand

Activities for Dec. 3-9, 2006

Sun.,	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens Service
Tues.,	11:00 a.m.	West Circle in the Keene Room
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee
Wed.,	6:30 p.m.	Choir

Our God Comes

First Sunday of Advent

The Lord God of Israel said,
“I will send my messenger,
who will prepare the way before me.”

A voice of one calling:

“In the desert prepare the way for the Lord;

“Make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

**“Every valley shall be raised up
Every mountain and hill made low;**

“The rough ground shall become level,
The rugged places a plain.

**“and the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
And all mankind together will see it.**

“For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

**The sovereign Lord comes with power,
and his arm rules for him.**

His reward is with him,
and his recompense accompanies him.

**He tends his flock like a shepherd:
he gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart.**