

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 27, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Bartenfield

SILENCE FOR PREPARATION

PRAYER OF INVOCATION *

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Based on Isaiah 2:1-5

May the joy of the advent season with its message of mighty hope be with you all!

And also with you!

We begin Advent by celebrating the expectation that the Christ who came, who comes again to be with us in every age and every place, and who will come again in a glorious finality to consummate the healing work which he began at Bethlehem.

He shall judge between nations, and arbitrate between many races; they shall beat the swords into plough shares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE *

The Land Family

HYMN # 216 *

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

Gary Atchley

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bill Martin

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 122 (pew Bible p. 612)
Matthew 24:29-44 (pew Bible p. 986)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* Congregation please stand.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Don Shoemaker

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

HYMN # 221

Fullness of Grace

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Sean Martin

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS TO GOD'S HONOR

DOXOLOGY *

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER *

Judy Lafayette

HYMN # 212 *

Glorious Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SERMON

Rod Walls

Three Questions About Baptism
Acts 2:36-41 (pew Bible p. 1082)

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN # 337 *

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

PRESENTATION OF GIFT & CERTIFICATE *

Gary Atchley

BENEDICTION *