

# CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2009

10:00 a.m

WELCOME

Erwin

PRELUDE *Once He Came in Blessing* (John Leavitt)

Chris

*kids come up*

TRINITY CHIMES

## SONGS OF PRAISE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Children

R1: Advent is a season of expectation and hope,  
a time when we look forward to the coming of Christ.

R2: *"For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope.  
For who hopes for what is seen?  
But if we hope for what we do not see,  
we wait for it with patience."*

R1: Today we light a candle of Hope, believing in the promises of God.  
*(Light first candle)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenny

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us worship God.

**In the name of Christ.**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD,  
when I will fulfill the promises I made to the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah (Jeremiah 33:14)

\*ENTRANCE HYMN #8 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jenny

Lord Jesus, preaching good tidings to the people,  
proclaiming release to captives,  
setting at liberty those who are bound:

**We adore you.**

Lord Jesus, friend of the outcast and the poor, feeder of the hungry, healer of the sick:

**We adore you.**

Lord Jesus, denouncing the oppressor,  
exposing the hypocrite, overcoming evil with good:

**We adore you.**

Lord Jesus, pattern of gentleness, teacher of holiness,  
prophet of the kingdom:

**We adore you.**

Lord Jesus, dying to save us from our sin,  
rising to give us eternal life,  
ascending to prepare our heavenly home.

**We adore you.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jenny

Loving God, in the life and teaching of Jesus  
you showed us that the whole human family is one people,  
that there is no discrimination between the members of your family,  
not according to nation, nor social status, nor male or female,

yet we confess that we are part of a divided world  
and a nation concerned with distinctions between people.  
Lord have mercy on us.

**Lord have mercy.**

We confess our slowness to learn the way of Christ,  
especially in the way he poured out his life,  
a sacrificial offering for the sake of the world:  
Christ have mercy

**Christ have mercy.**

We confess that we have not been open to the Holy Spirit,  
willing to be led every day in the way of faithful disciples:  
Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,  
not counting their trespasses against them,  
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.  
Hear then Christ's word of grace: "Your sins are forgiven."

**Thanks be to God.**

\*RESPONSE *O Come Let Us Adore Him*

1. *O come, let us adore him...Christ the Lord.*
1. *We'll give him all the glory...Christ the Lord.*
2. *For he alone is worthy...Christ the Lord.*
4. *We'll praise his name forever...Christ the Lord.*

WORDS OF PROMISE

PSALTER Psalm 89:1-4, 14-18

Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.  
For I am persuaded that your love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.  
"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:  
'I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

**Righteousness and justice are the foundations of your throne;  
love and truth go before your face.**

**Happy are the people who know the festal shout!**

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.  
They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.  
For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

**Truly, the LORD is our ruler;  
the Holy One of Israel is our Sovereign.**

Jenny

Carol Murphy