

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1, 2024**

**ORDERS OF WORSHIP**

**Saturday Worship - 5pm**

Welcome & Announcements  
 Invocation  
 Call to Worship  
 Confession & Forgiveness  
 Lighting of Advent Wreath  
 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” ELW 257  
 v. 1

Litany of Praise  
 Prayer of the Day  
 Bible Readings  
 Message  
 Hymn of the Day ELW 260  
 Creed, Prayers and Peace  
 Offertory Song  
 The Words of Communion  
 Communion  
 The Lord’s Prayer  
 Blessing & Sending

**Sunday Liturgical - 10am**

Prelude  
 Invocation  
 Confession & Forgiveness  
 Lighting of Advent Wreath  
 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” ELW 257  
 v. 1  
 Opening Hymn ELW 244  
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 Kyrie p. 138  
 Prayer of the Day  
 First Bible Reading  
 Psalm of the Day Psalm 25:1-10  
 Second Bible Reading  
 Gospel Acclamation  
 Today’s Message  
 Hymn of the Day ELW 260  
 Creed, Prayers & Peace  
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 Offering  
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 Benediction & Sending Hymn ELW 259  
 Dismissal



**WEEKLY WORSHIP  
BULLETIN FOR  
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**YOU BELONG HERE**

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We believe that Christ is present in this meal of forgiveness and unconditional love. We welcome all to join us at the Lord’s Table. If you choose not to commune, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a restroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

**TODAY’S THEME**

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

**Today’s Bible Readings**

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Jeremiah 33:14-16      | Pew Bible p. 645 |
| Psalm 25:1-10          | Pew Bible p. 436 |
| 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 | Pew Bible p. 960 |
| Luke 21:25-36          | Pew Bible p. 856 |

## Today's Message

"God's Kingdom Is Near"

by Rev. Ralph Mineo

### PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### PSALM RESPONSE:

To you, O my God, I lift up my soul. I  
trust in your love. I know you are here.

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### OUR PRAYER LISTS:

**Members:** Barb Huff, Tom Tell, Nancy Varner

#### Cancer treatments:

**Friends of the congregation:** Ian Minner, Rev. Jerry Gray, Michelle, Baby Easton, Matt, Mary Bemis, Ken Marshall, Derf Hopsecger, Vickie Baldwin, Jonathan B., Joe Mineo, Audrey Hettrick

**Cancer Friends:** Canda, Chris

**Other prayer requests:** the family of Peggy Sue Seigworth

*Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.*

If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir just for the Advent and Christmas Season you would be more than welcome. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord for the Holidays. Please contact Kathy Swanson for rehearsal times over the Holidays.