



**Sunday, December 1, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

## **ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE**

*During the Prelude, you are invited to meditate on the Psalm of the Day as you prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

### **Prelude**

Toccatina in F Major BuxWV 157  
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Ruth Pfister, Organ

### **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 86:5-7

You, Lord, are forgiving and good,  
abounding in love to all who call to you.

Hear my prayer, Lord;

listen to my cry for mercy.

When I am in distress, I call to you,  
because you answer me.

### **Welcome and Gathering Prayer**

Rev. Mark van Stee

### **Introit**

"Come Worship the Lord with a Song"  
Earlene Rents

IPC Singers  
Chandler Cudlipp, Director

### **Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

Cavaliere Family

**\*Hymn of Praise #9 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Nathan Wannemacher

Leader: While we celebrate your coming this Advent season, Lord, we sadly confess having done so little with so much.

**People: Forgive us Lord, for not bending the knee, for not reading your Word, for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins. Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God!**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Hear the words of Paul in 1 Timothy: "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

**People: But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.**

Leader: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**" (1 Timothy 1:15-17)

## **God's Will for Our Lives**

Leader: In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?

**People: As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.**

**\*Gloria Patri #579** "Glory Be to the Father"

### **Song**

"Advent Celebration"

Mark Patterson

Children's Choir

Christine Weeks, Director; Janet Deden, Piano

### **Children's Message**

Nathan Wannemacher

## **ADMINISTERING A SACRAMENT OF GRACE**

### **Baptism**

Elisabeth Griess

## **MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination (Choral)**

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Joshua 2:1-16 (pp. 216-217)

Dorothy Kwan

#### **Meditation**

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

IPC Singers

*Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge* (1599); arr. Michael Praetorius (1609)

#### **New Testament Reading**

Hebrews 11:31 (p. 1210)

### **Sermon**

"Females Who Foreshadowed:

Rev. Mark van Stee

What Rahab Suggests to Us about Jesus, The Messiah."

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response** (Insert) "Hark, The Glad Sound"

### **Prayer of Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

Patrik Jehle, Evening Worship Elder

## **Offertory**

“Dance and Sing for the Lord Will Be with Us”  
Ancient Hebrew Folk Melody; arr. Hal H. Hopson

IPC Singers  
Ruth Pfister, Organ

## **\*Doxology**

#592 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

## **Prayers of the People**

Patrik Jehle

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*in unison in English or the language of your choice*)

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **GOING WITH GOD’S MISSION AND BLESSING**

### **Welcoming of Guests**

Patrik Jehle

### **Announcements**

**\*Hymn of Dedication #11** “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

### **\*Sending and Pastoral Benediction**

Rev. Mark van Stee

### **Choral Benediction**

“Grace to You and Peace”  
Music: Alice Parker

IPC Singers

### **Postlude**

Little Fugue no 8 in B flat Major BWV 560  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Please remain quietly seated during the postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.*

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***\*Please stand if you are able.***

*Today’s bulletin cover art is the painting La Courtisane Rahab fait échapper de Jéricho les espions envoyés par Josué (The courtesan Rahab helps the spies sent by Joshua escape from Jericho) attributed to Italian artist Matteo Rosselli (1578-1650). This 17th century work is part of the collection of the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Nîmes.*