

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
DECEMBER THIRD, 2017  
*First Sunday of Advent*

PRELUDE “Break Thou the Bread of Life” arr. V. D. Thompson

HYMN #112 New Century Hymnal “Keep Awake, Be Always Ready”  
*Those who are able may stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

OPENING WORDS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debt*s)

GLORIA #513 Pilgrim Hymnal *Greatorex*  
*Those who are able may stand*

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Come Share the Lord” arr. R. Tabell  
All Souls Choir  
*Please enjoy reverent silence following this musical selection.*

DOXOLOGY #778 New Century Hymnal *Old 100th*  
*Those who are able may stand*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN’S SERMON

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT  
THE PROPHETS’ CANDLE  
THE ADVENT WREATH SONG

*Light the Advent candle one.  
Now the waiting has begun.  
We have started on our way,  
Time to think of Christmas day.*

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*Candle, candle burning bright,  
Shining in the cold winter night.  
Candle, candle burning bright,  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

WORDS OF FELLOWSHIP

HYMN #416 Pilgrim Hymnal “Christian, Rise and Act Thy Creed”  
*Those who are able may stand*

SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER  
PRAYER RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 13:24-37 (*p.* 826)

SERMON “Generosity: Keep Awake” Jon Wortmann

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE  
SERVING OF THE MEAL  
“Meditation for Communion” J. Althouse  
*Partake of the bread as served  
Drink the cup together*

UNISON PRAYER OF COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**God of our broken places and true selves, we give thanks for this sacred feast. We begin again, hopeful and free. May this communion with you and each other be a deep reminder: all things and every moment are a gift. Amen.**

A BIDDING TO MISSION, AND A BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Come Unto Him”

arr. L. Shackley