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***December 2nd, 2018***

**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

ADVENT HYMN/CAROL SING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CHORAL INTROIT

LIGHTING OF ADVENT AND PEACE CANDLES/CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Like any other journey, Advent begins with a single step

**ALL: We get there by walking**

ONE: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

**ALL: Step by step, God led the Israelites out of captivity, into freedom**

ONE: We light the first Advent candle, remembering their journey.

**ALL: They got there by walking.**

ONE: And we light the Peace candle, remembering refugees throughout our world who walk daily in their quest for safety.

**SONG: And we're walking, walking**

**Yes, we're walking to Bethlehem**

ONE: Let us Worship God.

\*\*\*HYMN #2

"COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and peace, you invite us out of exile—but we are not sure we want to leave. We prefer the “devil we know” to the free but unknown life that you offer us. Once we do start tentatively down the path, you open up the highways, and we still we manage to find the roadblocks. You exalt the valleys and flatten the mountains, and we wander off the trail, thinking we can somehow find a better way. You offer us guidance, and we ignore you. Forgive us, help us to trust you, to walk in your ways and follow your paths. We pray in the name

of the one whose footsteps we seek to follow, and whose birth we anxiously await, your Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROMISE OF GOD

LEADER: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel

**PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE # 576

“GLORIA, GLORIA”

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

“CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING”

FIRST LESSON:

PSALM 85 (READ RESPONSIVELY-SEE INSERT)

ANTHEM

WORD TO THE CHILDREN

SECOND LESSON:

ISAIAH 40:1-11

SERMON

“WALKING HOME”

\*HYMN #3

“COMFORT, COMFORT YOU MY PEOPLE”

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND PETITION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS/DEBTORS)

*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 debts as we forgive our debtors*

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*But deliver us from evil*

*For thine is the kingdom and the power*

*And the glory forever. Amen.*

THE GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

\*RESPONSE (TMB) "WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?"

**What does the Lord require of you?**

**What does the Lord require of you?**

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

*To seek justice, and love kindness,  
and walk humbly with your God.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Because of You, Abundant God, we have blessings to offer to others. May You use our gifts to restore hope to the despairing, to feed the hungry, and to fill the empty hearts of the lonely. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(SEE INSERT)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, God of the journey, for this meal to nourish and sustain us. As we move into this blessed season of preparing and waiting, stay by our sides. Guide us each step of the way, as together we walk toward that day when this world reflects your love and goodness, when all people can walk side by side in safety, peace, and joy. In the name of the Child we pray, Amen.

**WE DISPERSE IN GOD'S NAME**

\*HYMN #12

"PEOPLE, LOOK EAST"

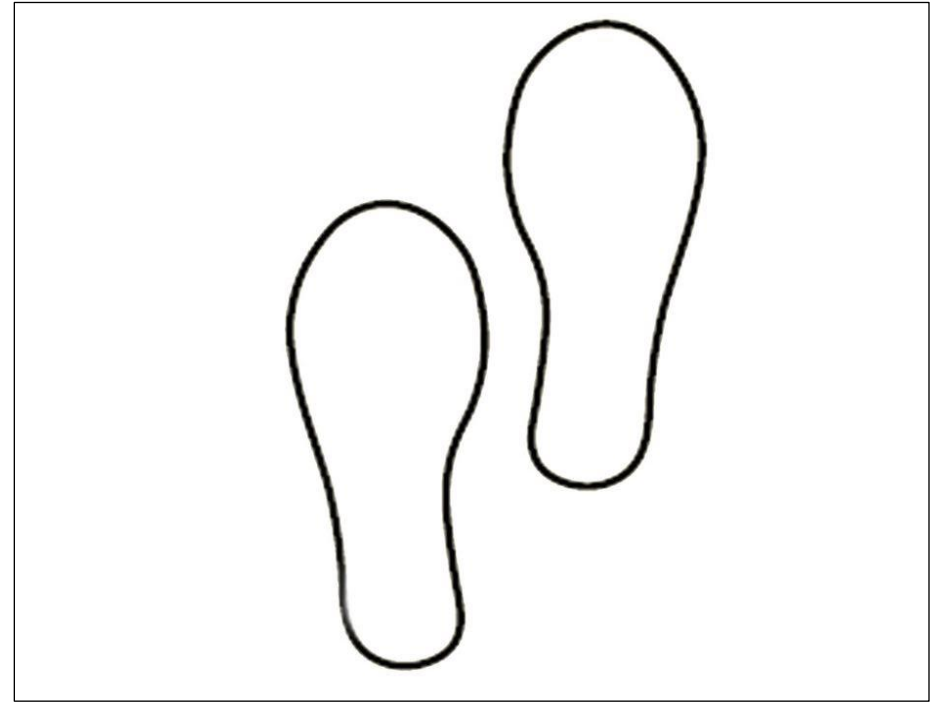
\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

**\*Those Who Are Able Are Invited To Stand**

**\*\*\*Latecomers May Be Seated**



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