



Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021 | 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Worship | Grow | Go

Welcome to worship during the Sundays of Advent! Advent is about the “coming days” and is loaded with expectation in the Bible readings—akin to Mary’s pregnant expectation before Jesus’ birth. 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 our ancient siblings in the faith, we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in Word and Holy Communion in worship today.

In compliance with the latest public health mandate from the City of Denver, face masks are required for everyone over two years old as we continue to promote safe worship at Augustana. We will not seek to verify vaccination status prior to worship services.

Please make room in the pew for people who arrive after you by sitting in the middle of the pew. This opens up the aisle seating for others so that everyone has a place to worship.

Sign the worship slip and place it in the offering plate so that hospitality, prayer, and pastoral care may be kept up to date.

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Prelude ♦ “Prayer” –Ambrose Thomas

Welcome

The assembly stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who inspires with wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills us with peace. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait, **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you. We fail to believe that your good news is for us. We falter in our care of creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love. Forgive us, Holy One, and assure us again of your transforming grace. Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, enfolds you in grace, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, ✠ your sins are forgiven. You are strengthened anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Song • ELW 264: Prepare the Royal Highway

10:30 a.m. Please turn toward the back of the sanctuary as the processional cross enters, and turn toward the front of the sanctuary as the cross passes you.



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.

By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath ♦ ELW 257: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;

un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
teach us your will and guide our way.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Text: *Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. composite
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First Reading ♦ Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from Malachi.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

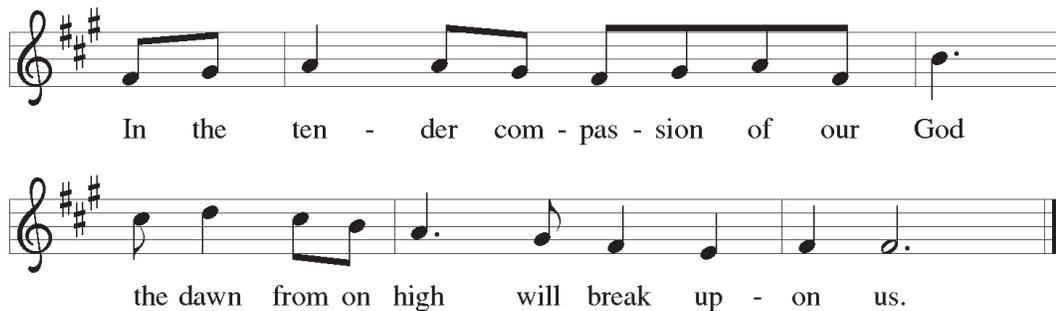
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm • Luke 1:68–79

The refrain will be sung first by the cantor, then by the assembly, and again by the assembly after the verses as indicated.

Refrain:



In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high will break up - on us.

Luke 1:78

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- ⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.
- ⁶⁹You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,
born of the house of your | servant David. *Refrain*
- ⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of | all who hate us,
⁷²to show mercy | to our forebears,
and to remember your | holy covenant.
- ⁷³This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:
⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,
free to worship you | without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life. *Refrain*
- ⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,
⁷⁷to give God's people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.
- ⁷⁸In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,
⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shad- | ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace. *Refrain*

Second Reading • Philippians 1:3–11

A reading from Philippians.

³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness,

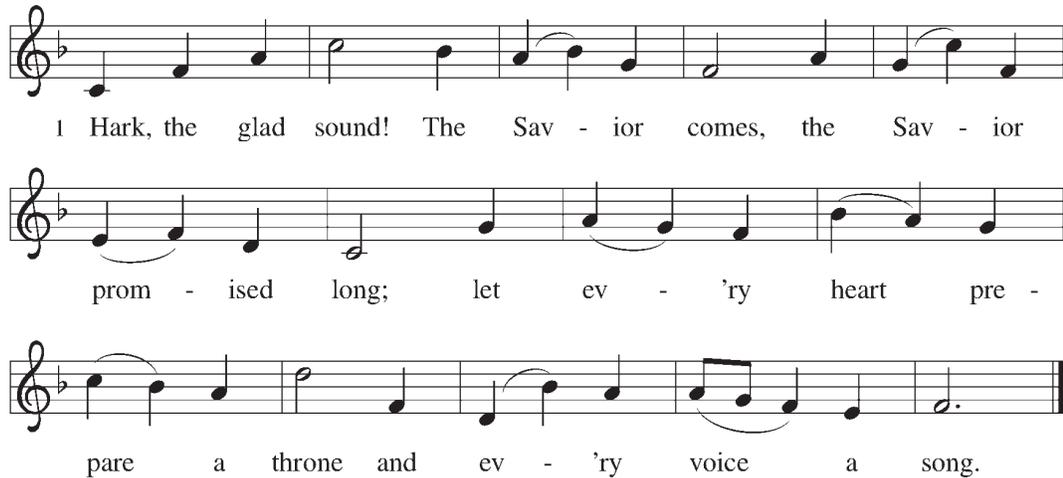
how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 239: **Hark, the Glad Sound!**



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Gospel ♦ Luke 3:1-6

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

‘and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

Anthem ♦ 10:30 a.m. “Room in My Heart” –Mark Burrows
Cherubs, Tim Garrington, piano

Children’s Sermon ♦ 10:30 a.m.

Sermon ♦ **Pastor Gabe Brennan,**
Mission Funding Director, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day ♦ ELW 725: **When the Poor Ones**



1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f’ring con-so-la-tion;
3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:
when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



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Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934
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Prayers of Intercession

After each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

You may share a sign of peace with the peace sign or a wave or a hand over your heart.

The assembly is seated.

Offering

World Hunger . . .

“What Sweeter Music” –John Rutter

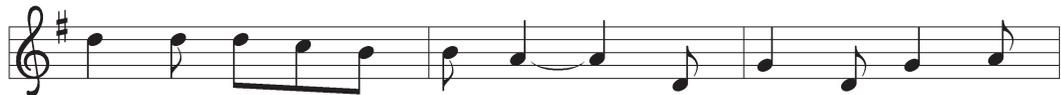
8 a.m. AVE ♦ 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir

The assembly stands.

Offering Song ♦ ELW 242: **Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn**



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

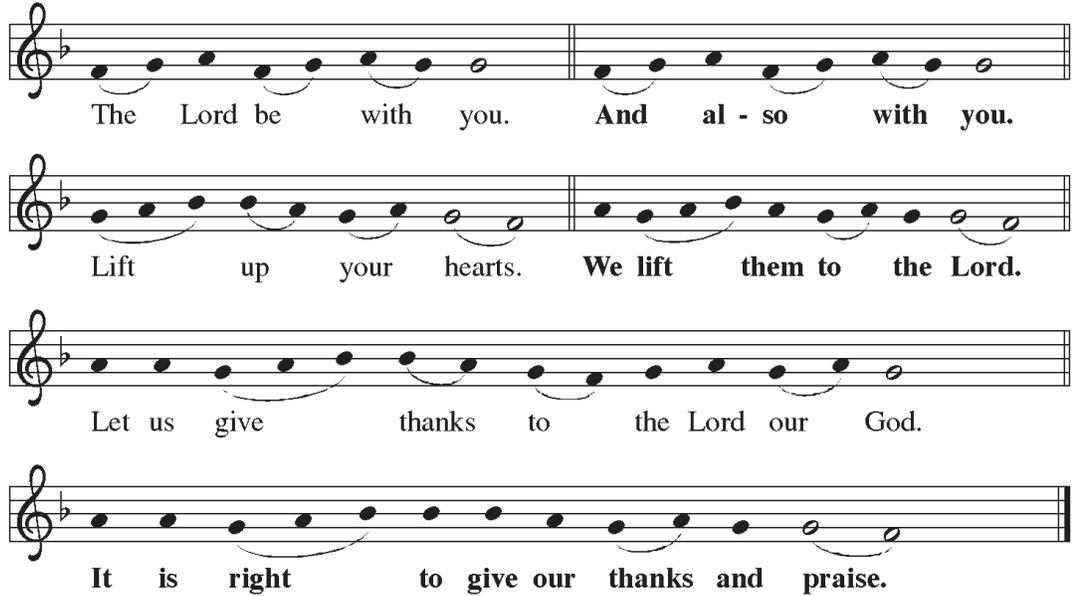
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Offering Prayer

God of our waiting and watching, **we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



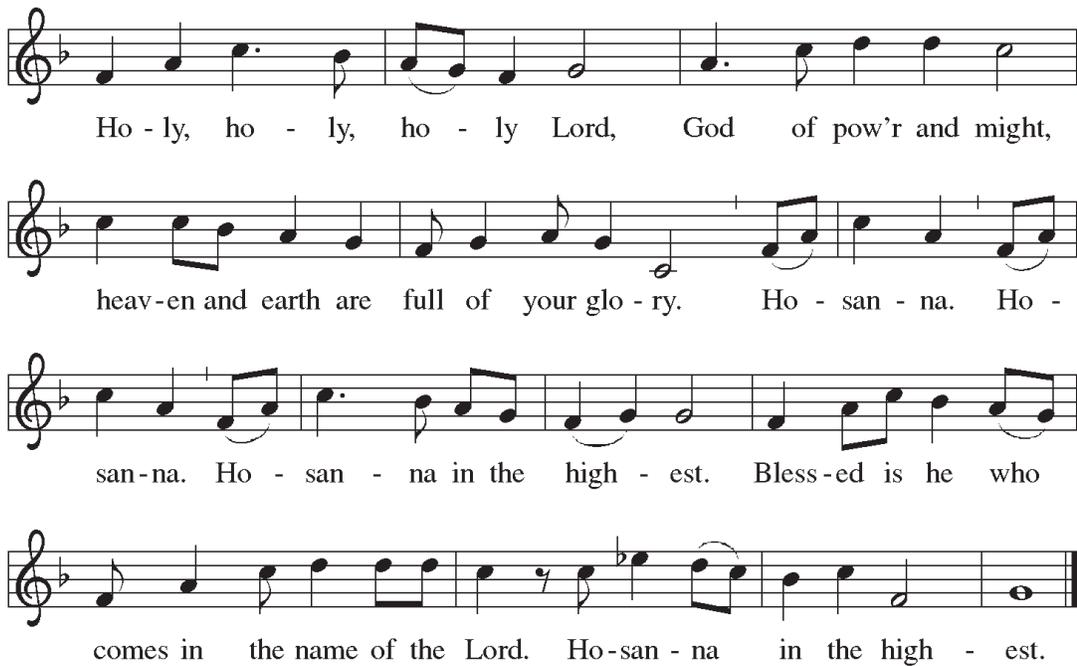
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy Trinity, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Holy Communion

The assembly is seated.

We are connected by the Holy Spirit to God and to each other across time and place through our baptisms. In this same Spirit, we share bread and wine with confidence in Christ's real presence with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are worshiping with us on livestream, you may use bread or crackers and wine or juice from your home. We invite you to share this bread of life and cup of blessing as we all are one in Christ. We will receive Communion together after the singing of the Lamb of God.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

“O Radiant Dawn” –James Macmillan
AVE

10:30 a.m. “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” –Paul Manz
Andrew Peters, organ

The assembly stands.

Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit’s power, make us bearers of your word, sharing your gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

Sending Song ♦ ELW 249: **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

10:30 a.m. *Please turn and face the processional cross as it leaves the sanctuary, facing the back of the sanctuary for the dismissal.*



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Dismissal Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude ♦ Prelude and Toccata –Wilbur Held



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8 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

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Karen Lambert

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8 a.m. Venus Conklin

10:30 a.m. Jayme Howard

Lynn Marlowe

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December Margaret Aarestad

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8 a.m. Jim Gustad

10:30 a.m. Nora Johnston

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8 a.m. AJ Levy

10:30 a.m. Finley Zumwalt

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10:30 a.m. Annie Nessa

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Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

Worship

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