

## Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

**\*Doxology** #731

*GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE*

**\*Closing Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* #196

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**



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## ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT COMMUNION

*\*Please stand if you are able*

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Advent Wreath**

*The Fankhauser family*

*GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE FOR WORSHIP*

**\*Invocation**

**\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:** O Wisdom proceeding from the mouth of the highest, reaching from eternity to eternity and disposing all things with strength and sweetness.

**People: Come, teach us the way of knowledge.**

**Leader:** O Lord and Leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the burning bush and delivered the law to him on Sinai.

**People: Come, redeem us by your outstretched arm.**

**Leader:** O Root of Jesse, you stand as a sign of the people; before you rulers do not open their mouths; to you all nations shall pray.

**People: Come and deliver us, do not delay.**

### Leading Today's Service

<i>Pastor</i>	Mark Tippin
<i>Accompanist</i>	Marilyn Fry
<i>Liturgist</i>	Henry Groenenberg
<i>Head Usher</i>	Patti Christensen
<i>Greeter</i>	Janis Hall
<i>Nursery</i>	MH Hennagin Jennifer Tippin

#### *Communion Servers*

Debbie Hutchins, Dave Christensen,  
Henry Groenenberg, Zach Vreeman

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If you have any questions, prayer requests, or are ready and excited to join our mission to reach all of Casper for Christ, contact the church office or Pastor Mark.

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### Welcome to our Visitors

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come -- this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus her Lord.

We are glad you are here to worship with us this morning! The pamphlet in the pew pocket will help you get to know our church better, and please fill out and return the visitor form also so that we can get to know you. We have fellowship and refreshments after the service in the parlor, which is through the doors at the front of the sanctuary.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to remain in the worship service, however a nursery is available for infants and pre-school-aged children. Ask anyone around you for directions. Activity bags are also available in the rear of the sanctuary for children to use during the service.

\*Opening Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

#194

*GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Merciful God, we are grateful for the promise of your forgiveness. We desperately need it! So many things have crowded thoughts of you out of our minds this past week. Sadly, we confess that our anxieties have been more real to us than your peace. We have had a tendency to focus more on our wants than on our worship of you. Lord, we know that these practices must grieve your loving heart; forgive us, cleanse us and restore us, strengthen us, not because our faith is so great, but because you love us so radically. In Jesus' amazing name. (Silent Confession) Amen!

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Brothers and sisters, hear, believe and receive the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God, for His grace.

**Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Gloria Patri**

#735

**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

(inside front hymnal cover)

**Anthem**

*GOD BRINGS US HIS WORD*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Scripture**

Isaiah 64:1-9, Pew Bible [Blue] p. 623, [Red] p. 791

**New Testament Scripture**

Luke 21:20-28, Pew Bible [Blue] p. 881, [Red] p. 1120

**Sermon**

Pastor Mark Tippin

*OUR RESPONSE TO HIS WORD*

**Sacrament of Communion**

\*Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* (vv. 1-2) See Insert

Nicene Creed (in unison)

Hymnal p. 846

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of Elements**

**Prayer of Dedication** (in unison)

Heavenly Father, we give you immortal thanks and praise that upon us you have conferred so great a benefit as to bring us into the communion of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; whom, having been delivered up to death for us, you have given for our food and nourishment unto eternal life.

Now grant us grace that we may never be unmindful of these things, but rather shall carry them engraven upon our hearts, that we may advance and grow in that faith which is effectual unto every good work. Thus may the rest of our lives be ordered and followed out to your glory and to the edification of our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns in unity, one God, world without end. Amen

\*Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* (v. 3) See Insert