

**Order of Worship: Sunday, December 3, 2023**  
**9:30 AM Service of Worship**  
**First Sunday of Advent/Sacrament of Holy Communion**

<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	Rev. Becky Rokitowski, Associate Pastor	
	<b>“Advent and Improvisation”</b>	
<b>Prelude</b>		Dr. John Paul McGee
<b>Lighting of the Candles</b>		Acolytes
<b>Lighting of the Advent Wreath</b>	Bob and Kim Thomas and Congregation	
<b>Responsive Litany</b>	<b>“The Wonder of the Season”</b>	J. Raney
Advent is a time to remember the wonders of our faith.		
<b>God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.</b>		
Advent is a time to be amazed at God’s wondrous love.		
<b>God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.</b>		
Advent is a time to retrace our past, and to reclaim the hope of our future.		
<b>God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.</b>		
Advent is a time to be awed by God’s unfolding plan for creation.		
<b>God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.</b>		
<b>Candle Lighting</b>		
<b>Prayer</b>		
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	UMH 196
<b>Passing of the Peace</b>		
<b>Children’s Chat</b>		Rev. Dr. Scriven
<b>The Offering</b>		
<b>Offering Prayer</b>		Rev. Rokitowski
<b>Offertory</b>		Dr. John Paul McGee
<b>Doxology</b>		UMH 95
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>“Music with the Spirit: a Prelude”</b>	Rev. Dr. Scriven and Dr. McGee
<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Invitation/Confession and Pardon</b>		UMH p. 12
<b>The Great Thanksgiving for Advent</b>		UMH p. 15-16
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		
<b>Breaking the Bread/Giving the Bread and Cup</b>		
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	UMH 133
<b>Sending Forth</b>		Rev. Dr. Scriven
<b>Postlude</b>		Dr. John Paul McGee

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