



Call to Worship – Psalm 25.1-10

\*Hymn #172 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

First Lesson – Jeremiah 33.14-16

Call to Prayer #170 “Oh, How He Loves You and Me”

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – I Thessalonians 3.9-13

Baptism

Offertory *“It is Well With My Soul”*

(Please place your offering in one of the plates)

\*Doxology – #668

\*Gospel- Luke 21.25-36 **“Praise be to thee, O Christ”**

Sermon– “Overwhelming Love”

\*The Apostles’ Creed

Communion *“I Sing Praises to Your Name”*

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

The Unending Hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the Highest.**

The Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.**

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

\*Hymn – #175 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

\*Benediction with Choral Response

\*Dismissal and Recessional

## Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Glen Harvey, Liz Griffin, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Yvette Clark, Darby Atkins, Chris Griffin, Jean Moriety, Starke Camden, Robert Wright, Cyndy Williams, Wayne Williams, Jim and Sue Henry, Gwen Miller, Lora Drinkard, Marion Mantz, Mamie Wetzel, Ned Atkins, Larry Shepley, Greg Anderson & those persecuted around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

The situation and people in Israel  
The people of Ukraine and Moldova, esp. Dimitri, Stella Lorina,  
The people of Turkey and Syria

Sue Greer, recovering from surgery.  
Ruth Harvey, recovering from surgery  
Agnes Lowry Campbell, recovering from knee surgery  
Chuck Bucklew, father of Web’s friend, with esophageal cancer  
Teddy Brill  
Linda Sparrow, cancer  
John Griffin  
Ellen Brantley  
Ryland French, 11 year old girl with an inoperable brain tumor  
Steve Cawthorne, diabetes  
Danny Coffman  
Glen and Ruth Harvey  
Kay and Bobb Rasor  
Valerie Soma, with cancer, and her family  
Gail Everett, recovering from knee surgery  
Dustin Formom, farm accident  
Zoe Purvis, Judy Wimmer’s granddaughter  
Patty Miller  
Barbara Smith, Tonni’s mom  
Winston Brill, Tony’s dad  
Debbie Morse  
Paul Balderson, recovering from surgery.  
Bob Bertotski, cancer, friend of Larry Shepley  
Trevor, friend of the Griffins  
Tiffany Reynolds and Hank Adams, cancer  
Dick Kihnley, Sue Rossiter’s brother-in-law, great improvement from surgery  
Jessie Doss  
April Stephens’ mom, Cindi Mason, stage 3 colon cancer  
Margaret Kihnley, sister of Sue Rossiter  
Justice Ashwell, Carolyn’s grandson  
Debbie Reeves, cancer  
Kevin Thomas Mele, on dialysis  
Nancy Turner, treatment for cancer, friend of Martha’s  
Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes

## Beginning Advent

We can all slow down. We can all breathe more deeply. We can all begin to trust that this will be a blessed time. Then, when we let ourselves be who we are, and hear the Scriptures, we can begin to quietly pray, “Come, Lord, Jesus.” We might expand that prayer, in quiet moments of our days ahead, “Come into my life. I trust you don’t mind if it is still messy. I believe you love me, because I need your love. I don’t fear you can’t find the way to my heart. Come and fill me with peace and the love only you can give.”

Some of us will want to open our hands on our laps or hold up our arms in the privacy of our rooms and say out loud, “Come, Lord, Jesus, come into this house, into my family, into our struggles. Come and heal us, and give us joy again. Come and unite us and let us experience, each in our own way, a bit of the joy you are offering me now.” And, before a single decoration goes up, we have prepared for Christmas’ message with the foundation of faith, with the mystery of Advent’s gift. God wants to be with us. Advent is letting God’s will be done in our hearts and in our everyday lives.