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# THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



December 7, 2025

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Advent Reading

Psalm 72:1-15

## Opening Worship

*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

## The Acclamation and Collect of Purity

Our worship begins in humility as we invite the Holy Spirit to cleanse us and lead us into worship. We worship in prayerful surrender.

## Worship in Song

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

## The Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:1-13, Matthew 3:1-12

## Sermon

## Response Song and Nicene Creed

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

We respond to the Word in worshipful surrender and with the Church's historic confession of faith, the Nicene Creed.

## Prayers of the People

We come together to the Lord, asking for His Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. Lift up your prayers aloud as you feel comfortable.

## Confession and Absolution

In keeping with 1 Cor. 11:27-32, we examine ourselves and confess our sin to the lord. The priest proclaims the redemptive work of Christ in the Absolution. On the cross, Jesus bore the weight and consequence of our sin. In His resurrection, He overcame sin and death. Through faith in Him, we are set free from sin and death and are restored to right relationship with the Father.

## Passing of the Peace

This is a time to greet one another and ensure peace in the Body of Christ as we come to the Table (Matt. 5:23-24).

## Offertory and Doxology

## Holy Communion

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

*Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*

The Eucharist, the climax of the service, is a celebration of the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. We come empty-handed to receive the Life only He can offer. All baptized Christians who belong to Jesus in faith are invited to come to the Table.

## Final Blessing and Dismissal

*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

We go forth into the world to share the light of Christ!

# PRAYER NEEDS

- Gathering Church: "that [we] may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Colossians 1:9-10)
- Sally Hutsell - hip surgery recovery
- Mary Loftis - foot surgery recovery
- Steve Osborn - healing for foot infection

Our Prayer Team would love to pray for you! Fill out a prayer card at the Welcome table or send a request to [prayer@gatheringspartanburg.com](mailto:prayer@gatheringspartanburg.com).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NIGHT OF PRAYER** - Wednesday, Dec. 10th at 6:30 pm at the main Y.

**LINGER FOR LUNCH** - Sunday, Dec. 14th. Please bring soup, sandwiches, or sweets!

**WOMEN'S ORNAMENT EXCHANGE BRUNCH** - Saturday, Dec. 20th at 11 am at Andrea Ledford's home. Please bring an ornament and a brunch item to share. Address: 519 Willbrook Ct, Inman, SC 29349.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** - Wednesday, Dec. 24th at 6:30 pm at the Rob.

# FULL CALENDAR

Scan the QR code for the complete church calendar.

