

ORDER FOR WORSHIP  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
201 West Third Street  
Odebolt  
First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2019

**Prelude**

**Christmas Music**

O Come, All Ye Faithful	#41	First Verse
Angels We Have Heard on High	#23	First Verse

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Video** – “Advent Worship 4: Hope” by the Skit Guys

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Watch and wait for Christ’s coming!

Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. *Light the first candle.*

Hear God’s promise of hope from Isaiah 2:2-4:  
In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord’s house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

Let us pray:

Faithful God, out of war’s chaos, you bring the order of peace. Renew us in hope, that we may work toward Christ’s advent of peace among all nations.

**God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Amen.**

*Let us sing the first verse of “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* #9

**Call to Worship**

One: Keep awake.

**All: Christ is coming.**

One: Wait for the Lord.

**All: Love is coming.**  
One: Prepare the way.  
**All: Hope is coming.**  
One: Worship the Lord.  
**All: Christ is coming soon.**

\* **Hymn** – “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #2

\* **Prayer of Confession and Assurance**

**Eternal God, your offer of salvation is a gift beyond price. We know that the night is far gone, and that the day is near, but we struggle to rouse ourselves from sleep. We long to open our eyes and behold the glory of your dawn, but our eyelids have grown heavy and the light stings our eyes. We yearn to heed your summons and make a great pilgrimage of faith, but our need for rest seems greater. Call us once again, Holy One, for we long to hear your voice and know that salvation is near. Amen.**

(Silence for individual confession)

One: Hear the good news. Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first came to believe. The one who came as child long ago, will awaken our hearts and give us peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\* **Praise Response** – Gloria Patri #579

\* **Greeting One Another**

**YOTC Time**

**Music Ministry** – “Noel (live)” by Lauren Daigle

**Minute for Mission** – Christmas Joy Offering

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 2:1-5 pg. 1016 pew Bible

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 24:36-44 pg. 1511 pew Bible

**Message**

**Prayers of the People/Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors)

**Bringing Our Gifts to God**

Offertory

\* Doxology #592

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* **Hymn** – “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” #8

\* **Benediction**

Go forth in faith during this season of Advent and put on the armor of Christ’s light. For as the days grow short and the sun’s light wanes, we will shine for the entire world to see. Go forth in love during this time of waiting and embrace the peace that passes all understanding. Go with God. Amen.

\* **Closing Song** – “Joy to the World” #40 (first verse only)

**\* Postlude**

\* Please stand in body or spirit



**SUNDAY**– December 1

8:45 A.M. – Sunday School                      10:00 A.M. – Worship

11:00 A.M. - Fellowship

**WEDNESDAY**– December 4

9:30 A.M. – Pastor Bill in office                      6:00 P.M. – Pizza and a Movie

**SUNDAY**– December 8

8:45 A.M. – Sunday School                      10:00 A.M. – Worship – Hanging of the Greens

11:00 A.M. – Congregational Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**– December 11

9:30 A.M. – Pastor Bill in office

**FRIDAY** – December 13

6:30 P.M. – Cluster Gathering at Battle Creek

**SUNDAY**– December 15

8:45 A.M. – Sunday School

10:00 A.M. – Worship – Sunday School Program and First Christmas in Heaven

**WEDNESDAY**– December 18

9:30 A.M. – Pastor Bill in office

**SUNDAY**– December 22

No Sunday School                      10:00 A.M. – Worship

**TUESDAY**– December 24

5:00 P.M. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion

**SUNDAY**– December 29

No Sunday School                      10:00 A.M. – Worship

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES**

12/1 George Jones

12/3 Kenasyn Ziegmann

12/4 Durel Carstensen

12/4 Jill Siebrecht

12/4 Maddy Brummer

12/3 Matt & Janene Raasch

Saturday, December 7 – Odebolt Live Nativity starting at 11:00 A.M. at the Community Center

Saturday, December 14 – Cookie Walk at Trinity Lutheran from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M.

Saturday, December 14 – Cookie Walk at First Presbyterian Church of Storm Lake from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. benefitting “An Angels Touch”

Westminster PW invites you to their "Comfy and Cozy" General Gathering on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We are having soup and pie for the meal. The program is on quilts. If you have any you would like to bring, we will be displaying them in the sanctuary. Feel free to jot down a history on the quilt.

The sign-up sheet for Poinsettias is on the table at the back of the sanctuary.