



SOTC WORSHIP
DECEMBER 14, 2025
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

ELW 254

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Long-expected God,

we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ☩ In the name of Jesus Christ, you are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

STORYTELLING AND ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In preparation to receive God's Word, we light the Christ candle and pray for illumination from God's word. Take a moment for silent reflection.

READINGS AND PSALM: ISAIAH 35:1-10; LUKE 1:46b-55; JAMES 5:7-10

In response to the readings:
Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11

The Gospel is announced:
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 11th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:
The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD

ELW 726

APOSTLE'S CREED

ELW PG. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others.

————— MEAL —————

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.

Receive the bread with open hands, and receive either the wine (red liquid) or juice (clear liquid). If you do not desire to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as an indication to the server.

LAMB OF GOD

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake.
Thanks be to God!

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