**Morning Order of Worship**

December 3, 2017—9:30 AM

**First Sunday of Advent**

REJOICING IN THE LORD

Prelude

Welcome

\*Call to Worship—based on Philippians 4:4-5, NIV

Rejoice in the Lord always.

**I will say it again: Rejoice!**

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

**The Lord is near.**

We rejoice in the hope of Christ’s coming.

Let us worship God!

\*God’s Greeting

\*Opening Song of Worship

PH #329—*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*(The children are invited forward during the third verse for the lighting of the Advent candle.)*

APPROACHING THE LORD

We Light the First Candle of Advent—The Candle of Hope

Song of Response

HWC #120—*The Advent of Our God*

Congregational Prayer

Offering for the General Fund

(After the offering, the organist will play, *Jesus Loves Me*, and the children are then invited forward for the Children in Worship Dismissal)

Children in Worship Dismissal (Ages 3-5)

The Blessing—**Congregation—The Lord be with you**

Children—And also with you

**LISTENING TO THE LORD**

\*Song of Preparation

HWC #134—E*mmanuel*

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 (page 933)

Message: ***The Sign of Immanuel***

(Series: The Signs of Christmas)

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application

PH #328 vs. 1, 4, 6—*O Come, O Come, Immanuel*

**LEAVING TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

\*God’s Parting Blessing

\*Doxology

HWC #138 vs. 1—*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

\*Postlude

**Worship Participants**

Worship Leader: Pastor Matt Riddle

Organist: Sharon Machiela

Pianist: Betsy Shafer

Reader: Landan Gerritsma

*\*Please Stand*