

**Order of Worship**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2021**

**Meditation – Daniel 12:2-3**

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

**Songs of Adoration – 2**

**Call to Worship – Psalm 93 (*Responsive Reading*)**

L - The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

C - Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

L - Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

C - The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

L - Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty!

ALL - Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

**Prayer of Adoration**

**Confession of Sin**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent; for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

*(from the Book of Common Prayer)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

L - If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C - But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be revered.

*(Psalm 130:3-4)*

**Advent Wreath / Candle Lighting**

**Songs of Worship – 2**

**Offering and Doxology**

## **Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 37:1-10**

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

*Reader: “The Word of the Lord”*

*Congregation: “Thanks Be to God”*

## **Dismissal of Children to Children’s Church**

### **Announcements**

### **Song of Preparation – 1**

**Sermon – “Born to Give Them Second Birth”**

**Sermon Text – 1 Peter 1:3-5**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

### **Song of Response – 1**

### **Benediction**