

The Morning Worship Minneapolis Campus

Liturgists
9:00am - *Pastor Kalland*
10:00am - *Pastor MacLean*
11:00am - *Pastor Kalland*
12noon - *Pastor Hammersten*

The Prelude *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Max Reger

The Processional Hymn - - - - - **270:1, 2, 3**
(Please stand as you are able as the pastors enter the Chancel)

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

The Invocation
Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

The Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness
Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*
Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is
not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage
to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus

Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we
may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your
holy name. **Amen.** *(Please sing)*

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die
for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who
believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of
God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen. *(Please sing)*

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Congregation: And also with you. *(Please sing)*
Pastor and Congregation:

Stir up your power, O God, and come. Come to bring peace to our
communities. Where there is fear, bring courage; where there is hurt,
provide healing; where there is hardship, bring relief; where there is
anger, bring understanding. In Jesus’ name, **Amen.** *(Please sing)*
(Please be seated)

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Pastor: Jesus, you are the Prince of Peace and Light of the world. As we
light this candle, kindle in our hearts the desire to pray and work for
peace in our communities.
Pastor and Congregation: Come, Lord Jesus, and bring us peace.

The Hymn of Advent
O Come, O Wisdom from on high,
Embracing all things far and nigh:
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in its ways to go.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

The Epistle - - - - - **2 Peter 3:8-15a** *(page 988)*
*The author reminds us not to overlook the obvious. With God, one day is as good as
a thousand years, a thousand years as a day. Daily expect the Day of God.*

The Gradual Hymn - - - - - **282:4**
For lo! The days are hast’ning on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

(Before the reading, please stand as you are able and sing)
Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel - - - - - **Mark 1:1-8** *(page 812)*
*The Gospel of Mark is announced as Good News with the voice of one crying in the
wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.*

(After the reading, please sing)
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Profession of Faith - The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived
by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He
descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come
again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.
(Please be seated)

The Anthem
I Wonder as I Wander - - - - - Jay Richards
Diane Loudon, cello & Richard Owen, piano

The Welcome

The Offertory
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - - - - - Jon Schmidt
Diane Loudon, cello & Richard Owen, piano

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Offertory Prayer
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit
from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me
with your free spirit.
(Please be seated)

The Pulpit Hymn- - - - - - 264:1, 4

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.

So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

The Sermon **Pastor Cornils**

"Don't Overlook the Obvious"

(Please stand as you are able and sing)

The Closing Hymn - - - - - 267:4

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The Lord's Prayer - - - - - Page 112

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

(The congregation is asked to pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing-* - - - - Neil Harmon

PASTORS

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*Please be so kind as to leave your bulletin at the end of the pew
or place in the recycle bin as you leave. Thank you.*

Welcome Guests

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. We warmly welcome you and are grateful for your presence and prayers. If you have any questions about the ministries of Mount Olivet Church, please come to the Information Desk in the Narthex. Large print bulletins and hearing devices available at the Information Desk located in the Narthex.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the main sanctuary are in loving memory of our parents, Dr. and Mrs. H.P. Linner and the Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Larson; and in loving memory of Dr. John Linner, given by Evodia Linner.

The flowers by the lectern are in loving memory of Michael and Raymond Creighton, given by Marilyn Creighton and family.

The flowers by the communion rail on the pulpit side are in honor of Paul and Tekla Knutson, given by their family.

The flowers by the communion rail on the lectern side are in loving memory of Dean Modig for his birthday, given by his wife, Lois, and daughters, Pam Donnelly and Sue (Michael) Johnson.

The flowers on the altar in the Serley Chapel are in loving memory of Dee and Bob Ulsaker, given from their daughters Lori Hilleren, Robyn Leer, and Sandy Wiese.

The flowers on the altar in the Youngdahl Chapel are in loving memory of Earl Blocher, given by his wife, Charlotte.

If you would like to donate Sunday morning altar flowers in loving memory or in honor of someone you know, please contact Mary Lindberg, 612-767-2200/maryl@mtolivet.org. Orders are appreciated two weeks in advance of your desired date. The cost is \$50.00.

Next Sunday, December 17: *The Third Sunday of Advent & Christmas Communion ~ Peace in our Families*

Sunday morning worship services will be at 9, 10, 11am and 12noon. Pastor Lose will be preaching on "*Jesus, John & the Alpha Male.*" Holy Communion will be observed at all four services. No Sunday Church School and The Way--please worship as a family. Nursery will be available for children ages six-weeks through two-years at 9, 10, and 11am.

The Second Sunday
of Advent
Peace in Our Community
December 10, 2017