

Miami– Prelude & Ringing the Church Bell	“The Advent Star”-G Martin	Gail Jones
Osawatomie – Prelude	“Gesù Bambino”	Marti Bogart
Paola – Prelude	“The Advent Star”-G Martin	Gail Jones

Announcements

Osawatomie – Ringing the Chimes

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Glory to God Hymn #137 – He Came Down (Verse 1 only – using ‘Peace’)

Call to Worship (unison)

Leader: A messenger from God is coming.

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: A new day of mercy is dawning.

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: A voice is crying in the wilderness.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Glory to God Hymn # 87 – Comfort, Comfort Now My People

We are called to confess

Saints, let us trust in God’s love for us and confess our sin, confident in God’s mercy.

We confess our sins to God and one another

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for silent, personal confession

We receive the assurance of pardon

Friends, I am confident of this: if we repent, God is sure to forgive us. The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Grateful for the promise of joy and of peace, let us share that peace with one another.

Glori Patri

Passing the Peace

Message for the Young at Heart

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S GOOD NEWS

We Pray Together, the Prayer of the Day

God our Savior—your word shakes the wilderness, washes away evil, and causes all flesh to rejoice. Make us ready to greet you at the coming of your holy realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Scripture Reading:

Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Liturgist
Pastor Paul

Reflecting on Scripture – Sermon Title:

“Time to Listen”

Pastor Paul

Special Music

Miami

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”-JG Walther

Gail Jones

Osawatomie

“I Wonder as I Wander”

Marti Bogart

Paola.

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”-JG Walther

Gail Jones

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer (Please use debts and debtors)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us, this day, our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to stewardship

God has made us stewards of the rich resources that were given in Creation and are given anew each day. On this day, we make our offerings knowing that all that we have has come from God who will continue to provide. Let us put our hearts into our offerings as signs of our trust and faithfulness.

We ask for blessings on our tithes and offerings

We lift up these offerings as a sign of our gratitude for your love and care, O God. We pledge ourselves, time, talent, and treasure. We pray that we may follow in the spirit of the poor woman who gave her all without hesitation. We dedicate our lives to you and seek to grow in our faithfulness to your Word.

We Affirm Our Faith Together

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.

Invitation to the Table

Leader: This is the table to which Jesus invites us! Let us participate joyfully!

Words of Institution

A great feast is prepared for us—the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ. God's grace overflows for us—the cup of promise and blessing that we share in Christ the Lord. Come to the table. Come to the feast.

We partake of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

God our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE RESPOND AND GO IN GOD'S NAME

Glory to God Hymn #366 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charge & Benediction

Closing Response

“Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you...Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way...go ye now in peace, go ye now in peace.”

Postlude

Miami	“Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending”-F Hill	Gail Jones
Osawatomie	“What Child Is This?”	Marti Bogart
Paola	“Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending”-F Hill	Gail Jones