



December 8, 2024

Second Sunday in Advent

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Rowland Hugh Prichard, Arr. by Jay Rouse

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT..... "Prepare the Way, O Zion "
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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING.....The Trepanier family
*Reader: As we wait for Jesus, we are reminded in these verses from
Psalm 147 that peace comes from God to whom we give thanks.*

**All: "Sing thanks to the Lord, who covers heaven with clouds,
makes rain for the earth and grass on the mountains! God feeds
young ravens when they cry and all the other beasts, blesses
your children, gives you peace and the best things to eat."**

*Reader: We light the candle of Hope and the candle of Peace to show us
the way.*

Congregation: And as a reminder that God is with us today.

*Reader: Let us pray. God of Peace, may we be thankful and share your
peace. Amen.*

❖**HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" verses 1 & 7 **#88**
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Domain.)*

❖**CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

**Holy God, we confess we prefer the crooked paths where we
think we can hide from you. We'd rather you didn't examine us
too closely; all we do and fail to do.** (a time for silent confession)

Merciful God, we trust you are coming not to judge, but to save us from our sins and our love of sinning. So come, Lord, by crooked path or straight, to enter our aching hearts. In the certainty of your grace, we make our prayer. Amen.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*adapted from Psalm 19:14*)

Jesus Christ, Word of God, dwell in us as we turn to these pages filled with holy ancient stories that proclaim your truth. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, give us ears to hear and hearts to believe. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE Malachi 3:1-4, pg. 1368

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM.....“I Hear the Prophet Callin”

(Words and music by Pepper Choplin)

2nd SCRIPTURE Luke 3:1-6, pg. 1461

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGEThe Rev. Sara K. Snowden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

❖ **HYMN** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” verses 5 & 6 **#88**

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❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostles’ Creed*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who

was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Christmas Joy offering

❖ **HYMN** "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" **#543**
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❖ **SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE..... "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"
Traditional English Carol, Arr. by Randall Hartsell

Pastor: The Rev. Sara K. Snowden

Lector: Dan Wennerholm

Greeter/Usher: Sue Cory and Caroline Knoff

Worship Pianist: Amy Dickman

Offering Counters: Nancy Olson and Darly Doyle

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