

11am worship

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday in
Advent

Length
in mins

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Visual Band Person Vocals

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

0:00 Reminders

- * Advent dinner tonight at 5:00pm
- * Christmas Eve worship at 4:00pm and 8:00pm

Gathering Song

0:00 "We Are Called" WP 147

1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred
and blindness will be no more. Refrain.

3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. Refrain.

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath

0:00 Prayer

P: Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.
C: Amen.

0:00 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" v.2

Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.

Confession & Forgiveness

0:00 Confession/Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

C: Blessed be God's name forever.
Amen.

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the One who is merciful and just.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: God of new beginnings,
C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy
reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.

P: People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
Amen.

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Song after Confession/Forgiveness

0:00 "We Are Waiting for Jesus" ACS 905

- 1 We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.
Sun of justice, shine upon us;
we are trusting in your promise.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.
- 2 We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.
Loving Shepherd, walk beside us;
stir our hearts, and gently guide us.
We are waiting for Jesus; Jesus brings peace.

Text: John Helgen, b. 1957
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Prayer of the Day

0:00 Prayer of the Day S&S

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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Scripture Reading

0:00 Scripture Text: Isaiah 11:1-10

(Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse). Gifted by the spirit of God, this ruler will reign with perfect justice. Enmity and danger will be restored to harmony and peaceful coexistence.)

1A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

2The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

3His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

4but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the
wicked.

5Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

6The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

7The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the
adder's den.

9They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

10On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a
signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Gospel Reading

0:00 Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

(Just before Jesus begins his public ministry, John the Baptist appears, calling people to mend their ways and speaking of a powerful one who is to come.)

1In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 3This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

4Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, 6and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

7But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

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Children's Message

Sermon

0:00 "Hope from a Stump"--Pastor Ruth Hamilton

Song After the Sermon

0:00 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away
like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

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The Creed

0:00 Apostles' Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C: 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.

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Prayers of the People

0:00 Prayers for 12/4/22

In hope and anticipation, we pray for the Church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(A brief silence.)

Concerns of the People: People of God, what prayers do you bring today for the Church as a whole and for this congregation?

Let us pray: God, you renew the Church in every age. We give thanks for lay people and pastors, hymn writers and theologians. Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Concerns of the People: What do you ask for the world today?

Let us pray: You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and caretakers of its animals. You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Concerns of the People: Who needs our prayers today?

Let us pray: You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to refugees, our neighbors without shelter, and those fleeing danger and destruction. Bring peace and comfort to those who are ill, including Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Concerns of the People: For what gifts and blessings do you wish to give thanks?

Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, for your goodness to us and for all the blessings of life. We praise you for keeping us and all things in your care. We ask that you give us an awareness of your mercies that we praise you not only with our lips but with our

lives.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Concerns of the People: Please lift up the names of those who have died.

Let us pray: You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Conclusion: Almighty God, we entrust to you all for whom we pray, confident that you fulfill your promises through Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Peace

0:00 Passing the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

0:00 The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

0:00 "Seed, Scattered and Sown" WP 121

Communion Blessing

0:00 Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace unto life everlasting.

C: Amen.

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Post Communion Prayer

0:00 Prayer

Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be
fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy
mystery. Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Benediction

0:00 Final Blessing

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song

0:00 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (3x)

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth
to show the way,
From the earth to the cross
my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Dismissal

0:00 Sending/Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

0:00
