

ADVENT

The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4, 2022





**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

We gather together...

INTROIT: *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

Tom LaPaze

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES: *Rachael and Aaron Nilson*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Malachi 3:1-4)*

***HYMN** #122: *O Zion Acclaim Your Redeemer*

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10 *(Old Testament pages 640-641)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

HYMNAL #816: Psalm 72

SECOND LESSON

Romans 15:4-13 *(New Testament pages 163-164)*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 3:1-12 *(New Testament pages 2-3)*

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

***CONFESSION** (based on Isaiah 60:1-3)

Arise, shine: for your light has come.

O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the darkness in the world or in us.

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

We confess that we ignore the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts.

And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time.

Forgive us for not opening our eyes to your coming.

It's time that we prepare for your coming.

Let the earth ring with song. Let the light break forth.

Let us all rejoice in the miracle of love.

Let Christ come into the fullness of our time. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The good news of our Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life. Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

Thanks be to our Advent God, who comes among us, setting us free to love and serve.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #133: On Jordan's Banks**

SERMON: Rev. Todd Johnson

...and to respond with our lives...

HYMN #123: O How Shall I Receive You (verses 1 and 2)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS TO GOD

Announcements

Offering

*Doxology: **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN #123: O How Shall I Receive You (verses 3 and 4)

HOLY COMMUNION

*Call to Communion

*Affirmation of Faith

**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, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

TAKING

Institution

Mystery of our Faith

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

BLESSING

BREAKING: *Breaking the bread, pouring the cup.*

GIVING: *Offering the bread, offering the cup.*

THANKSGIVING

...in the places we now go.

***HYMN #136: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* (BWV 599)

J. S. Bach

*Join us after the service for coffee and conversation,
in the Narthex. Welcome!*

GREETERS: Waite family

ACOLYTES: Catelyn and Jonah

READERS: Steve and Barbara Swanson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Arlie Swanson

USHER: Jane Leach

COFFEE SERVERS:

LIVESTREAM: Phia Waite