

Second Sunday in Advent

December 5, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance; he preaches to us still.

People: Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.

Confession

Call to Confession

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

Prayer of Confession

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

Prayer of the Day

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.

Advent Candle Lighting - Second Sunday of Advent

Don and Susan Turner

Hymn #130

Come, You People of the Promise

Opening Prayer

We Hear the Word

Scripture Prayer of Illumination, Luke 1:68-79

(Reader)

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond

Interlude

Hymn #141 **Come, Lord Jesus**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Tithes and Offerings

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

Prayer of Dedication

Communion:

Communion Hymn #568 **Come Share the Lord**

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise

How can we thank you, O God? For sun and moon and stars, for breath and life and all things good, for our steadfast promise and your faithful love, for the day that is surely coming when all things will be made new. With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation, we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you, sharing this holy meal, remembering Christ's dying and rising, and praying: Come Lord Jesus!

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn #131 Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Benediction

Benediction Response

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader: Go in Peace. Love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

We Fellowship Together

Virtual Coffee Time and Sharing

Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Scripture Reader:

Josy Moore

Scripture: Luke 1: 68 - 79

“Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people.

He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of his servant David, just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago. Now we will be saved from our enemies and from all who hate us.

He has been merciful to our ancestors by remembering his sacred covenant—the covenant he swore with an oath to our ancestor Abraham. We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live.

“And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord. You will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins. Because of God’s tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace.”

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