



Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

10:30 am Worship Service



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Prelude There Shall A Star From Jacob Come Forth Felix Mendelssohn
 Fifth Sunday Howard Sonstegard, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Pr. Patti Welch

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be God’s name forever.

Amen.

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.

God of new beginnings, **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.

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.**

Gathering Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Vicky and Howard Sonstegard

Advent Wreath Song: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, verse 2

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Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Ray Laurence, reader

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

My Soul Waits for the Lord

Margaret A. Vance

Rejoice Choir

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

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Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia.*

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Pr. Patti Welch

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Sermon Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway

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Statement of Faith

We believe, O God, that you are the eternal God of Life. We believe, O God, that you are the eternal God of Love. We believe, O God and Maker of all creation, that you are the creator of the high heavens, that you are the creator of the deep seas, that you are the creator of the stable earth. We believe O God of all the peoples, that you created our souls and set their warp, that you created our bodies and gave them breath, that you made us in your image...for connection...and for times of rest: to be with you and with each other, with self and with all of creation. We give you worship with all of our heart, we give trust with all of our soul, we give our lives to you with all of our mind and body, yielding our desires and our busyness to your Divine Plan for rest and renewal, eternal Fire of Life and Love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Karen Stabeno, reader

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Prayer chorus

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, verse 2

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Offertory Music

What Sweeter Music

John Rutter

Fifth Sunday Howard Sonstegard, piano

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving traditional

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

...remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

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Amen

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Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Creator of the Stars of Night (solo first verse)

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Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

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Dismissal

Go in peace; prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Prelude in G Major

J.S. Bach