

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021 Worship Bulletin**

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

*Advent Introit

"Come Light Our Hearts"

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait 2x
Truly our hope is in You 2x

O love above all other loves
In you we find more than enough
We come as we are, O heal and restore
Come Light our hearts.

Lighting the Candle of Love

[Reading based on Malachi 3:1-4]

People: God of Love, may your Spirit spur us to actions of love during this period of waiting. As the Son demonstrated what love requires— submission, sacrifice, and sanctification— may we emulate his ways so that the world may know of your great love. In Jesus 'name we pray, amen.

Preparing for God's Word

Christmas Carols Requests

Prayer of Confession

**All: Heavenly Father, while we pray for the most meaningful Advent season ever, we sadly confess having done so little with so much.
Forgive us Lord,
for not bending our knees enough,
for not reading your Word,
for not searching our hearts,**

for not facing our sins.

Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God! Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense of your presence and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on 1 John 1: 5, 7]

Leader: Hear the Good News. This is the message we have heard from God and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all.

People: If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Leader: In Christ we are forgiven! Praise God.

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me." After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

*Hymn of Preparation

#124, "Still, Still, Still"

Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill!
The virgin's tender arms enfolding
Warm and safe the child are holding
Still, still, still, he sleeps this night so chill

Sleep, sleep, sleep, he lies in slumber deep
While angel hosts from heaven come winging
Sweetest songs of joy are singing
Sleep, sleep, sleep
He lies in slumber deep.

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: Luke 1: 26-45

26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The

Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

34 “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

35 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God.”

38 “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!”

Sermon

“Fear Not... The Fear of Revision”

Responding to God's Word

Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem- Special Music

*Response

#606, “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

[particular prayers]

Leader: Hear our prayer, Lord

People: Come, Immanuel, and fill our lives.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Response

#145, "What Child is This"

What Child is this who, laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come one and all to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise a song on high,
The Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#155, "Raise a Song of Gladness"

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev'ry heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev'ry heart!

*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able