

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021

"Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts." Psalm 85:8

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Handbell Quartet

Sondra K. Tucker

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN**

No. 82
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Tune: HYFRYDOL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God, high and lifted up, yet in mercy humbling yourself to enter these poor hearts of ours, come, we pray, as Christ came, with healing and peace. You will find us proud, for we have not yet learned to be humble; you will find us guarded and defensive, for we are weak within and full of fear; you will find us irritable and arrogant, for we are uncomfortably guilty and have not been willing to admit our frailty or our sin. While we don our finery and display our possessions, we know our deeper need of you. Come again, greatest and meekest of kings, and save us from ourselves, for ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 110

Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.)

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Chancel Choir

Mark Schweizer

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, again we entrust ourselves into your keeping, and cast our cares upon you in confidence that you will guide us. Make yourself known to us in the quiet and deep places of the heart; that, illumined by your Spirit, we might know ourselves and see again our need of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Malachi 3:1-4 Page 889

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 3:1-6 Page 60

SERMON “A Season of Repentance” Dr. Williams
*“He went into all the region around the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins...” Luke 3:3*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Confession of 1967
Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ such as a heavenly city, a father’s house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph over all that resists God’s will and disrupts God’s creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. Amen.

***HYMN** No. 87 Tune: GENEVAN 42
Comfort, Comfort Now My People
stanzas 1 and 3, all – stanza 2, choir

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation and Institution

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Communion of the People

Eat the bread individually, symbol of our personal communion with the Lord;

Drink the cup together, symbol of our shared communion with the Lord.

Communion Solo

Domine Deus from Gloria

Antonio Vivaldi

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father

Katy Keyes, soloist and Kristi Sell Kiene, oboist

Response

“Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.” Isaiah 12:2

Prayer

***HYMN**

No. 106 *Tune:* BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN
Prepare the Way, O Zion

***BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

No. 360

Christ is coming! Let creation from its groans and labor cease.
Let the glorious proclamation hope restore and faith increase:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming! Come, O blessed Prince of peace.

***POSTLUDE**

Joy to the World!
Handbell Quartet

Sondra K. Tucker

*Congregation please stand.