



Our Vision

*is to be Christ to each other and our
community – doing justice, loving mercy
and walking humbly with our God.*

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday of Advent

The Lord's Day

December 6, 2020

The Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Matthew Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Plainsong
arr. Robert D. Vandall

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Marcia Harris, organ; Rebecca Turner, piano

As the candles are lighted, we celebrate the presence of Christ, who is the Light.

The Passing of the Peace

The Call to Worship

George Frideric Handel

Comfort ye, my people
from Messiah
Matt Johnson, tenor; Rebecca Turner, piano

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
that her warfare is accomplished,
that her iniquity is pardoned. (Isaiah 40: 1-2)

Lighting the Second Advent Candle: Peace

Kari Mason

The Hymn of Praise

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the Royal Highway

1. Prepare the royal highway; the King of Kings is near!
Let every hill and valley a level road appear!
The hope of every nation, God's promise of salvation.
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!
2. We wait our Savior's coming, our own eternal King!
Long promised by the prophets, let heaven with praises ring.
Our hope is ever growing, God's peace to all bestowing.
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!
3. Come fling the gates wide open to greet your promised King!
All lands will bow before him, their voices join to sing
of hope and peace abounding, of joy to heaven resounding.
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

4. Christ's is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.
His rule secures our freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Hope, peace, and joy our treasure, God's love above all measure.
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

The Pastoral Prayer Matt Johnson

The Hebrew Bible Reading Sharon Keown

Isaiah 40:1-11; NRSV

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Christmas Greenery Wendy Case

The Gospel Reading Matt Johnson

Mark 1:1-8; NRSV

One: The Good News offered to all.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon Matt Johnson

The In-Between Time

The Offertory Prayer Penny Ginn

The Returning of Tithes & Giving of Offerings

The Offertory Music George Frideric Handel

*Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened...He shall feed his flock
from Messiah*

Sherami Harris, mezzo-soprano; Rebecca Turner, piano

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing. (Isaiah
35:5-6)

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: and he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (Isaiah 40:11)

The Doxology OLD 100th

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.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2. I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God: shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

The Pastoral Benediction

Matt Johnson

The Ministry of Music

Johann Schop
arr. Victor Labenske

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
Rebecca Turner, piano

As we prepare for service, the Light of Christ goes out before us.

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