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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8th, 2024

Welcome to worship! All the elements of our worship are projected but they are also printed here in this bulletin (with music) for you. No one is an audience here today; we are all participants in worship where God gives us the blessings of Christ Jesus and we pour out our praise to God. In the entry there are activity bags for young worshippers.

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P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us prepare for the coming of our Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of all time and space,

C: we confess that we have become self-centered, apathetic to your promises, and inattentive to our neighbors. We have done things in our own self interest and neglected to do the things that lead to healing and reconciliation. We continue to love darkness rather than light. In your mercy, forgive us. Shine the light of Christ once again into the dark places of our lives and of the world, that we may be opened to receive your light and seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says our God. In the name of + Jesus Christ, and by his authority, your sins are forgiven and you are made whole again. Rejoice in the good news!

C: Amen.

Advent Wreath Litany Christ Be Our Light (vs 2)



2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for



hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone



has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Wreath Lighting Prayer

L: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. As we light the Bethlehem Candle, we focus on the promise you gave in the birth of Christ in Bethlehem, that all those who believe in him have the power to be children of God and inheritors of eternal life. Although we wait for completion of our faith, may we have peace in our hearts today knowing we are redeemed and forgiven. May your light of hope burn bright in our hearts, homes, and church as we anticipate the day when Christ will come and complete what he has begun in us. Amen.

Repeat Refrain of “Christ Be Our Light”

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.... Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to wait with patient endurance the completion of what your have begun in us. through Christ Jesus, our Lord who lives and reigns with you, one God with the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

(Please be seated)

Children’s Sermon

Kid’s Word *(11am only)*

THE WORD

First Reading

Malachi 3:1–4

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Musical Meditation

The Time for Turning" *Craig Courtney*

Second Reading

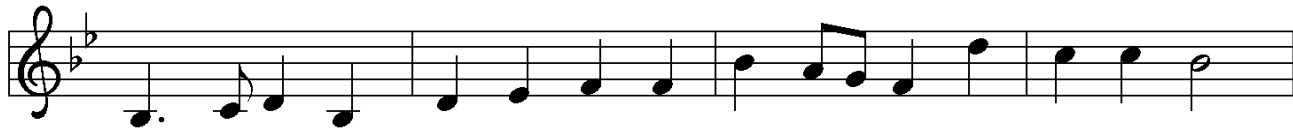
Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *(Please Stand)*



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

R: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

Sermon “Bring to Completion”

Pastor Bill Crabtree

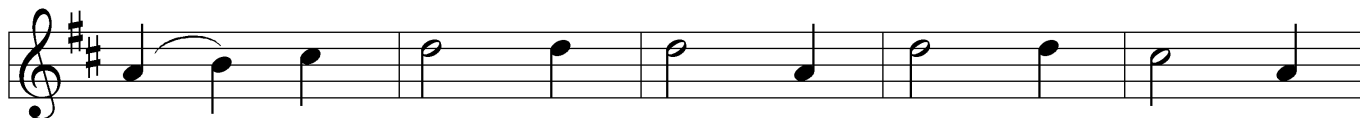
(After a brief period of reflection, please stand for the hymn of the day)

Hymn of the Day

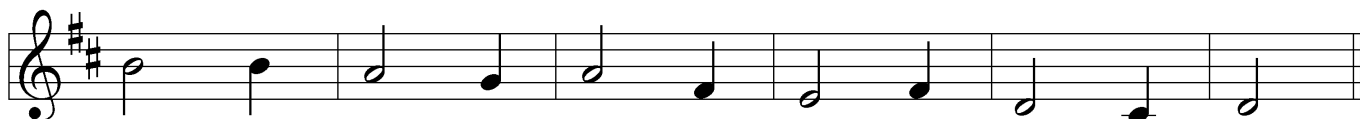
On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry



1 On Jor - dan’s banks the Bap - tist’s cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - ’ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow’rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

L: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you all

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated following Sharing of the Peace)

Community Time

The Offering

Please pass the black friendship pads down the pew.

If you are a guest we would love to send you a thank you for worshiping with us; please provide your email or address.



Ways to support our mission and ministry:

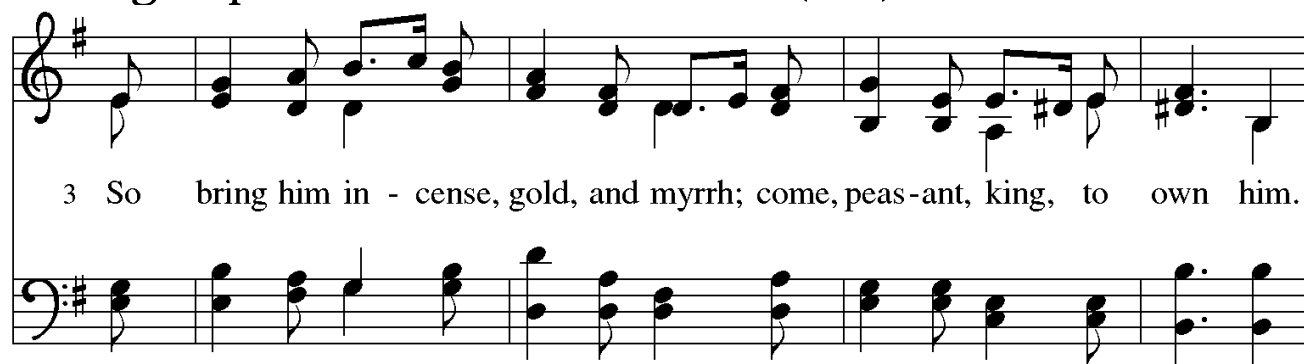
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Offering Music

Offering Response "What Child is This" (vs 3)



3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898
Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

Offering Prayer

L: Blessed are you,

C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we proclaim your word and care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P: In the night ... in remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer *(All)*

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.

(Please be seated)



All Baptized Christians are welcome to join with us in this meal where we believe the true body and blood of Christ are present in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice. You will be ushered forward and there will be three tables of communion in the front of the sanctuary. You will be given a piece of bread or gluten free wafer by a pastor or lay leader. On the table you will have a choice of using the chalice for intinction or a small cup of wine or juice. If you choose to use the cup, then dispose it in the baskets. Adults who do not receive the Supper or children who have not received First Communion instruction can come forward for a blessing. If you have not been baptized, one of our pastors would welcome a conversation with you about Baptism.

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

(Please Stand)

Post Communion Prayer

L: God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when you will fill the hungry with wondrous things. Send us forth to make known the grace which we have received through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: May God the Father clothe us in light;
 May Christ Jesus fill us with hope;
 And may the Holy Spirit prepare us
 for the coming day of the Lord.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

C: Amen

Sending Hymn

People Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
 Music: BESANÇON, French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934
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Dismissal

L: We are grace filled,

C: **and Spirit Led!**

L: Go in peace, connected to Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Special Thanks: Sanctuary Choir

This Week's Worship Leaders December 8th

Preaching: Pastor Bill Crabtree | Presiding: Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard

**December Altar Care: Barb Pennington, Betty Koster,
Beth Adams and family.**

Liturgists: (8:30am) Sue Shultz (11:00)

**Communion Assistants: (8:30 am) Tom and Marilyn Hawks, Jerry Erickson
(11:00 am) Sonny and Sharron Kanlian**

Readers: (8:30 am) Stephanie Taft (11:00 am) Sandy Gessner-Crabtree

Next Week's Readings: December 15th

Zephaniah 3:14–20, Philippians 4:4–7, Luke 3:7–18

As you read the lesson, ask yourself two questions:

Why was this story told? Where do you see God at work?

Prayer and Care: The Yocum family in the death of Bill. Ace Edwards, with terminal kidney disease. Chuck McClung hospitalized with pneumonia. Joyce Barry recovering from back surgery. Hedrick Hueneke experiencing heart issues. Joanne Wales receiving treatment for skin cancer. Dave Ryan in hospice care. Melissa Tippets awaiting a bone marrow transplant in mid-December at City of Hope in Los Angeles.

Recovering from illness/surgery: Darlene Gillies.

Facing Cancer: Rudy Burress, Elizabeth Domahidy, Julie Enger, Steven Hudock, Kay Kersten, Merrill Koster, Ron Maddux, Jim Piatt, George Roberts, Dave Rosinbum, Amelia Seagrave, Laurie Shaw, Lisa Stephens, David Trexler, Jim Weisbrodt.

Deployed & Military Support & Their Families: Jared Cain, Rebecca Mackey, Andrew Quam, David Wooten and all their families.

Continued Prayer: Hilma Bridges, Bob Brien, Bob Cummings, Don Budden, Randy Fossum, Gene Gierke, Joe Gierke, Jerry Gray, Dawn Hamrick, Sharron Lindkvist, Jean Locke, Barb Manbeck, Cheryl Miller, Gerry Randall, Webb Rhodes, Jean Sherbesman, June Stocks, and Tom Taft.

Remembering all who are homebound or in ill health.



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Blessings!

