

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10:00 A.M. Combined Service  
Rev. Mark Piedmonte  
Music Director – Gregory Fraser  
*\* Congregation will stand*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Concerto in Gm: 2<sup>nd</sup> Movement  
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - **During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.**

INTROIT: “Once in Royal David’s City” (*See Insert to follow along*)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**)

Leader: Blessed is the Holy One our God,  
**All: who has sent a mighty Savior to redeem us.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.  
As the Lord has promised, in days to come:  
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together,  
**All: and a little child shall lead them.**  
**(2 purple candles are now lit)**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:  
**All: Merciful God, you sent the prophets to prepare the way for our salvation. Open our ears to hear them, open our minds to heed them and open our hearts that we may welcome our mighty redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN: “My Lord, he is a-comin’ soon” (*See Insert*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.  
**All: Mighty God, we confess that we have not expected your kingdom. We live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing. Friends, hear this wonderful news again: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.**

\*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: (*turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance*)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Pass the Peas!”

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

\*SONG OF PRAISE: “Go Tell It on the Mountain!” (**Video – Artist: NeedtoBreathe**)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray, asking the Spirit’s guidance in understanding the Scriptures:  
**All: Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 9: 1, 6-7 (responsive)

Leader: The people who walked in darkness **All: have seen a great light;**  
Leader: those who lived in a land of deep darkness—**All: on them light has shined.**  
Leader: For a child has been born for us, **All: a son given to us;**  
Leader: authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor,  
**All: Mighty God,**  
Leader: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
**All: He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.**

Gospel: Luke 1:46-55

**Response to the reading of God’s Word:**

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: “And He is Named... Mighty God”

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

\*HYMN: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” (*See Insert*)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE (responsive)

Leader: Emmanuel, come; **All: O come and save us.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

***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; and 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.***

OFFERTORY

\*SONG OF DEDICATION: **(Doxology)** "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Tell Out My Soul" **(See Insert)**

\*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE: ***O come thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily: to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

POSTLUDE: Liszt Weihnachtsbaum 1

MEMBERS WILL PLEASE REMAIN FOR OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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#### **STATEMENT FROM SESSION RE: BPC's COVID-19 RESPONSE**

The BPC Session is on top of the mounting concerns over rising COVID cases in MD and has the best interest of our church family at heart. We are committed to following MD state guidelines and will make any needed adjustments accordingly. For now, we will continue to meet in-person for worship with attendance at or below 50% capacity. We will also make every effort to assure services are taped and uploaded to Face Book and to the church website in a timely manner for folks who choose to worship from home instead. We will also limit indoor group gatherings. For now, let's do all we can to stay – and help others to stay – healthy and safe. Please, when on church grounds for any reason, wear masks, avoid physical contact, stay 6 feet apart and wash your hands often. And if you feel sick in any way – please stay home, see the doctor, and call Pastor Mark for healing prayers. 610-428-3135. With God's help, and each other's, we will get through this!

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