

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PUBLIC WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.
Rev. Lance Ness

LARGE PRINT hymnals available
NURSERY is available upon request during the Worship Service
SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for children up to 9 years old
*All who are able may stand

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” arrangement: George Lacherayer
CHIMING OF THE HOUR
GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
MISSION MOMENT:

Our mission is to provide a church home that serves our congregation and our community through praise, worship, and Christian outreach with a determination to live by God’s Word and for God’s glory.

DECEMBER MISSION: Angels & Hearts Tree
INTROIT: “Give Thanks O Christian People”
CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader/**People**)

God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of God’s servant David.
Blessed be the Lord our God!
God has shown mercy and remembered the holy covenant,
that we might serve God without fear.
By the tender mercy of our God,
God will guide our feet into the way of peace.
Let us worship God together.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – Candle of Peace
SPECIAL MUSIC: “Light of World”
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*HYMN: #245 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Leader/**People**)

We seek to serve you, O Lord, with glad and generous hearts. Forgive us when our hearts are hardened
and move us to trust the depth of your promise.
We seek to live as baptized people, repenting of sin and sharing your grace.
Forgive us when we fall into selfish ways, and move us to know the goodness of your call.
Have mercy on us, O God.
By your grace, cleanse us. By your providence, help us to learn from our mistakes. By your Holy Spirit, equip us to love and honor you. Amen. (Moment of Silence)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Leader/**People**)

God hears our confession, rejoicing as we desire to amend our ways. God acknowledges the forces that separate us from Him, and brings us peace. Rejoice in the knowledge of our reconciliation and a life lived in the presence of God.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE: *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel!*
CONCERNS and JOYS

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

*WORDS & GESTURES OF PEACE: *The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

THE PROCLAIMING

SCRIPTURE READING: Malachi 3:1-4 (Pew Bible Page 889)

Liturgist

The Lord is like a refining fire; God’s messenger will prepare the way

ANTHEM: “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:1-6 (Pew Bible Page 60)

Liturgist

In the wilderness John cries out: Prepare the way of the Lord

SERMON: “Add a Vent”

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*HYMN: #273 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) “Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “The Apostles’ Creed” (Traditional) Inside back cover of Hymnals

THE RESPONDING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

* OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

We trust, O God, in your provision and loving kindness. Use these gifts and our lives that we might bear your fruit with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this in confidence of your mercy and love. Amen.

*SONG OF DEDICATION: “Doxology”

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

THE SENDING

*HYMN: #271 (CELEBRATION Hymnal) “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

*CHARGE and BLESSING

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*CLOSING SONG:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* POSTLUDE: “Bicinium on Comfort, Comfort These My People” – Charles Callahan

Director of Music – Matthew Gillis