

CHURCH SESSION

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Worships God in lessons and carols at 11:00 a.m.

December 8, 2019

The Second Sunday in Advent

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Hark the Glad Sound hymn tune arr. by Ron Mallory
Grace Notes Hand Bell Choir

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 22

Angels, From the Realms of Glory Regent Square

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Lighting Candles in the Advent Wreath Clyde and Suzanne Getman

At the conclusion of the candle lighting service, choir and congregation stand to sing:

O come, O come, Thou *Lord* of might, Who to thy tribes on *Si-nai's* height

In ancient times didst *give* the law, In cloud and majes-ty and awe.

Rejoice; rejoice. Emmanuel shall come to thee, O *Israel*.

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the Chrismon Tree for a

Time for Young Christians

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 3 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People Psalm 42

The congregation sits.

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

Anthem Advent Hope Based on Coventry Carol

Almighty God, we cry to You; when will Messiah come? When will you wipe our tears away? Spirit of truth, we call unto You. When will our sorrow turn to joy? O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel. Lord of the promise, hear our plea: when will we greet Emmanuel? When will Messiah come? (--text and arr. Joseph M Martin, 2001)

Second Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

Anthem Comfort All Ye My People Gabriel Faure, op. 54

Comfort all ye my people, thus saith the Lord of Hosts. Light comes to Zion's darkness. The Son of David is He. Bethlehem shall the star shine forth, O city most blest of Judah. Through thee the Lord appeareth. All ye who mourn, the peace of the Lord is nigh. Darkest night soon will fade into day. Morning comes. Amen. (-- arr. Hal H. Hopson, 1977)

Third Lesson Romans 15:4-13

Anthem Amid the Cold of Winter arr. Bret Rhoades, 2004

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone. Snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak midwinter, long time ago. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung. It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter when half-spent was the night. What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part. Yes, what can I give him? I would give my heart. (-- In the Bleak Midwinter text by Christina Rossetti, c. 1872; music by Gustav Holst, 1906; Lo, How a Rose text – German carol, 15th century; music from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1599, arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1609)

Fourth Lesson Matthew 1:18-25

Anthem Fum,Fum,Fum arr. Judith Jerrington and Sara Glick, 2005

Fum, fum, fum. On December five and twenty, He is born of God's pure love, the Son of God. He is born of the Virgin Mary on this night so cold and dreary. Let us praise our God above. Thanks to Him we raise, singing Gloria in Excelsis on this day of days. (--Traditional carol)

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 12 People, Look East Besancon

The congregation sits.

Fifth Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

Anthem Carol for the King French Christmas Chanson

Mary came with meekness, Jesus Christ to bear, laid the Lord of glory in a manger there. We come rejoicing, Jesus Christ to love, baby in a manger, King of heav'n above. Angels came with praises Jesus Christ to name, heaven's choirs exalting Him who bears our shame. Shepherds came with trembling, Jesus Christ to see, King who at their bidding would their shepherd be. Wise men came with treasure, Jesus Christ to bless, He Who shares all blessings heav'n and earth possess. (-- Paul Wigmore; arr. Patrick M. Liebergen, 1995)

Sixth Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Anthem Pavane for a Silent Night Maurice Ravel; arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

On a silent, starry night, Christus natus est. All is clam and all is bright, Son of God and love's pure light, born in Bethlehem tonight, holy Child divine. Born a child and yet a king; hear the heav'nly angels sing, joyful tidings bring. Gloria in excelsis deo. He is born, Emmanuel, God on earth to dwell, the holy child, the infant mild, Son of God and son of man, alleuia.(-- Jean Anne Shafferman)

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:8-20

Anthem African Noel Kenyan Folksong

Rise up! Sing we noel ev'rybody! He is born in the manger hay. Rise up! Sing we noel ev'rybody! Lift your voice with a song today. Noel, all sing we noel. He is born! Praise the mighty King! Hear the carols ring! Sing we noel today! Sing, alleluia, amen. (-- text and arr. Patrick M. Liebergen, 1997)

Sermon Is Something Missing? Mike Krech

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 44 O Little Town of Bethlehem St. Louis

Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria in Excelsis Refrain of Hymn 23 Gloria

The congregation sits.

Anthem Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts Camille Saint-Saëns, 1858

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing his salvation. Bless his name; show forth his praise in His holy house. Rejoice, ye heav'ns and be joyful on earth. Rejoice in the face of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia. Rejoice, ye angels; rejoice all nations, now in the face of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia.

The Bidding Prayer and Lord's Prayer Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory In Dulci Jubilo J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 40 Joy to the World Antioch

Postlude Joy to the World setting by Garth Edmonson (1892-1971)