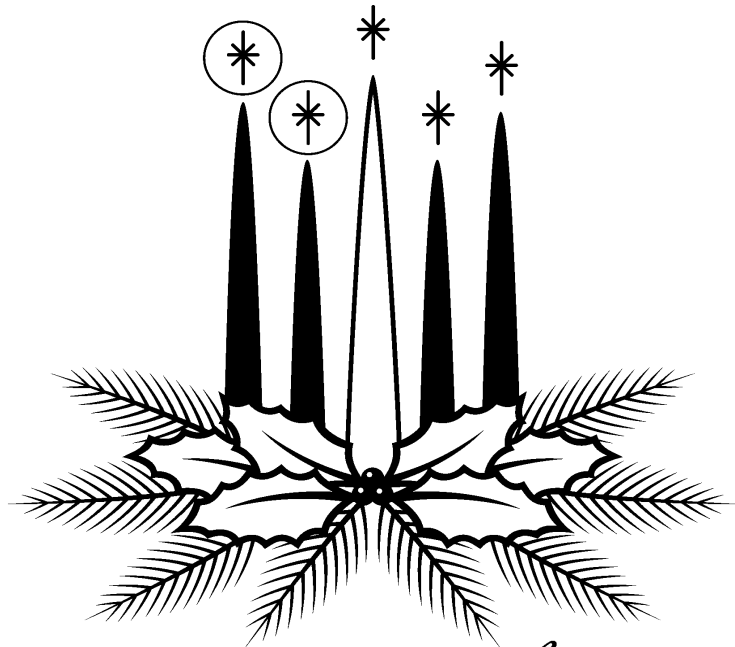


2020

“Behold, The Mighty Hand of God”



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

WELCOME TO WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Please tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to Worship
with us today!**

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

Call Statement:

“My call is to share my Faith in Christ”

Mission Statement:

“To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior.”

PRELUDE

Beth Helwagen

WELCOME AND PRAYER

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

All: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.”

Colossians 3:15

(The candles of Hope and Peace are lit)

Leader: Let us pray: Almighty God

All: You offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.”

Adapted from an Advent Litany by The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you

(Wave and/or Honk to each other)

HYMN Comfort, Comfort Now My People LBW #29

Verse 1

**“Comfort, comfort now my people;
Tell of Peace!” so says our God.**

**Comfort those who sit in darkness Mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim That God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!**

Verse 2

For the herald's voice is crying In the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance, Since the Kingdom now is here.
On, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet Him,
And the hills bow down to greet him!

Verse 3

Straight shall be what long was crooked,
And the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord Now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token That God's word is never broken.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: Heavenly Father,

All: **Prepare our hearts to hear Your Word and believe so
we are made ready. For Your Word is coming into this
world bringing Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Prepare
us to receive Him and see His glory. He is Your only
begotten Son, Jesus Christ the Lord; Who lives and
reigns with You along with the Holy Spirit, One God,
now and forever. Amen.**

LESSONS

Isaiah 40:1 - 11

2 Peter 3:8 - 14

GOSPEL

Mark 1:1 - 8

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

“As It Is Written”

HYMN On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry LBW #36

Verse 1

On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry
Announces that the LORD is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tiding of the King of kings!

Verse 2

Then cleansed be ev -'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

Verse 3

We hail You as our Savior, LORD,
Our refuge and our great reward;
With-out Your grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

Verse 4

Stretch forth Your hand, our health restore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Oh, let Your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

Verse 5

All praise to You, Eternal Son,
Whose Advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

NICENE CREED (in unison)

**We believe in one God, The Father, the Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, Begotten, not made, Of one Being with the Father, Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; By the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer.

Pastor: *(After each petition. . .)* Lord, in your mercy,

All: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: . . . Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER - in unison

All: **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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: **Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

SONG

He Has Come For Us

Verse 1

**God rest ye merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray.
O, tidings of comfort and joy. Comfort and joy.
O, tidings of comfort and joy.**

Chorus

**He has come for us, This Jesus.
He's the hope for all mankind.
He has come for us, The Messiah.
Born to give us life.**

Verse 2

From God, our heav'nly Father, A blessed angel came.
And unto certain shepherds Brought tidings of the same.
How that in Bethlehem was born, The Son of God by name.
O, tidings of comfort and joy. Comfort and joy.
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Chorus

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BRIDGE

All the angels sing, "Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is born!"
All the children sing, "Hallelujah! He is Christ the Lord!"

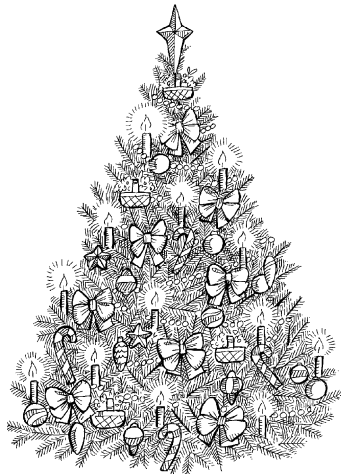
Chorus

ENDING

He is born to give us life.
Angels sing, "Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is Lord!"
All the children sing, "Hallelujah! He is Christ the Lord!"

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go and be a witness for the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God!



**Please pick up your 2021
Offering Envelopes following
worship today.**

NEXT SUNDAY December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

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December 13th

Third Sunday of Advent

Last day for Christmas poinsettia orders.

December 20th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Last day to drop off Mulberry Terrace Christmas Basket items.

December 20th

Christmas Live Nativity

7:00 pm in the Faith in Christ parking lot Teen Servants will present a Live Nativity for you to enjoy from your car. Tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear the narration and join in the singing. The Nativity will be repeated at 7:30 PM.

December 24th

Christmas Eve Worship

7:00 pm in the Faith in Christ Parking Lot. Invite your friends and help fill the parking lot with hearts full of Christmas Cheer as we celebrate the Birth of Christ Jesus the Lord.

December 27th

First Sunday after Christmas