

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
December 8, 2019 10:30 AM
Second Sunday of Advent

Preparing to Worship

PRELUDE Masters In This Hall arr. G. Young
 People, Look East arr. D. Wood
 Trio on "The First Noel" arr. D. Lasky

THREE CHIMES (honoring the Father, Son and Holy Spirit)

Gathering to Worship

WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP Chad Holt

INTROIT O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Plainsong
 (The Chancel Choir)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES (see insert)

INVOCATION (unison) Chad Holt
We come to praise you, O Lord, and to think again about your
love for the world as revealed in your gift of our Lord Jesus
Christ. Open our spiritual eyes that we may see, and understand
as best we can, the fuller meaning of the coming of the Savior for
us all. In his name. Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Chad Holt

Leader: Walking toward Bethlehem;
People: Listening every step on the way.
Leader: For the sound of our name,
People: Sensing we are not alone.
Leader: Angels are all around us.
People: The prayers of saints surround us.
Leader: Walking toward Bethlehem,
People: Hoping we shall find a baby in a manger:
Leader: A simple sign that God loves us still.
All: And reason enough to sing God's praise.

***OPENING CAROL** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus #82

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) Rev. Linda Ruby
Holy and awesome God, your love is wider than our sight; your
grace is more wonderful than we can sing. Yet you chose to visit
us as a child in a manger, love us as a friend and save us as a
redeemer. God, stop us long enough that we might hear a song
on the darkest night and might feel your Spirit in the midst of
common tasks. Come, give us a heart of praise and a song of
gladness. In Jesus we pray. Amen.

(Silence for self-reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Linda Ruby
Hear the Good News! The Messiah comes to bring good news to
the oppressed and to bind up the brokenhearted. Jesus comes
in the form of a little bitty baby to save us from our sins. Spread
the Good News! Alleluia, Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** #581

ANTHEM An Advent Reflection R. E. Schram
 (The Chancel Choir)

YOUTH MESSAGE Rev. Linda Ruby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hearing The Word

CAROL OF PRAISE Emmanuel, Emmanuel (see insert)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Linda Ruby
 Worship instead of Worrying
Scripture Luke 1: 46-56 (see insert)

Responding to The Word

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Do You Hear What I Hear?

Regney & Shayne

(The Chosen Few)

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

Leaving as Christ's Servants

***CLOSING CAROL** Go Tell It on the Mountain

#136

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**

#748

O come, let us adore Him!

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Christ, the Lord!

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE** Now Come, Savior Of The Heathen

D. Buxtehude

*You may stand if you are able.

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