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

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.

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(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! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him! Christ, the Lord!

*CHIMES

*POSTLUDE Now Come, Savior Of The Heathen

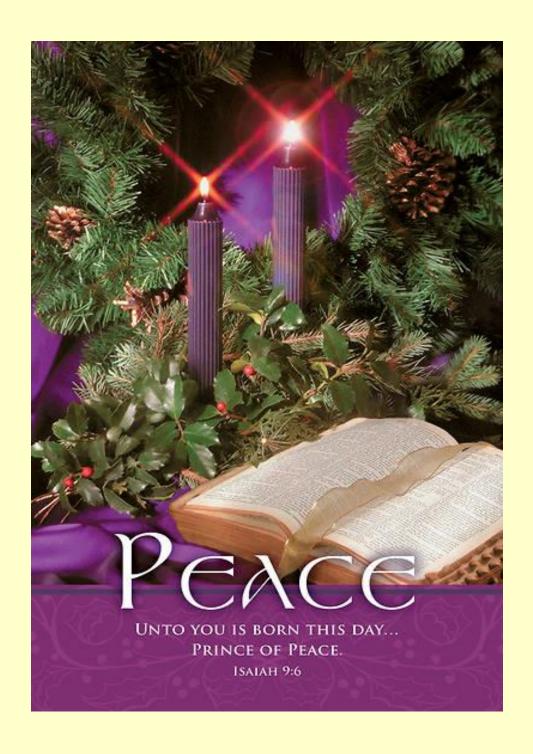
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^{*}You may stand if you are able.