

HOPE PEACE



SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

### RINGING OF THE CHIMES

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Trumpet Fanfare IV*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Wetzler

#### \*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*Don and Kay Thomson*

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.

**People:** *We are preparing for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.*

*(The first purple Advent candle is lighted)*

Leader: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

**People:** *the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together, and a little child shall lead them.*

*(The second purple Advent candle is lighted)*

Leader: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**People:** *Amen. Let us worship God.*

#### MUSIC

*Antiphonal Hosanna*  
Gabby Rogers, Izzy Authurs

Smith

### TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

#### LITANY OF CONFESSION

*Rev. John White*

Leader: God of light and life, you set before us today the challenges of laying aside the works of darkness; of putting on the light of Christ; of being watchful and prepared for your coming in our midst in the person of Jesus Christ. As the people of God in this place we know that a crucial part of our witness is in revealing Christ to the world through the way we love and care for one another.

**People:** *Forgive us if we do not reveal evidence in us of the One who is to come.*

Leader: So many people, young and old, grope in the gloom of despair and suffering, yearning for the light of hope in their lives.

**People:** *Remind us that the light of Christ shines through people like us – people who claim to follow him.*

Leader: Merciful God, cleanse our hearts and minds of all that hinders us from loving you and loving our neighbor. *(continued)*

**All:** *May our lives radiate faith active in love, as we watch and wait for your breaking into our world once more in the person of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## SILENT CONFESSION

### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Rev. John White*

Leader: Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers: the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, in whom and through whom we are forgiven.  
*(based on Romans 13:11b, 12,14a)*

**All:** *Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!*

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

### THE WORD

#### A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Rev. John White*

#### MUSIC

*Open My Eyes That I May See*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Tornquist

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 29:1, 10-14*  
*(page 731 in the pew Bibles)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Mark 1:1-8*  
*(page 34 in the pew Bibles)*

*Rev. John White*

#### SERMON

*"A Hard Time to Hope"*

*Rev. John White*

### RESPONSE

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(A Creed from Colossians 1:15-23)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Who is Jesus Christ?

**ALL:** *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood,*

*shed on the cross. Once we were alienated from God, but now God has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight. Thanks be to God!*

**OFFERING**

\*Doxology (Tune: 591)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Rev. John White*

**SENDING**

\*CHARGE

*Rev. John White*

\*BENEDICTION

*Rev. John White*

\*POSTLUDE

*Hymn Improvisation on HYFRYDOL*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Westenkuehler