

Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday in Advent

December 06, 2015

Enter as God's children, watching and waiting for signs.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ.

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Larghetto"

Trio Sonata-Quantz

WELCOME

Kelly Weaver

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Worship Committee

Now let us pray together:

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts this Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain constantly present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the Holy Child of Bethlehem. Amen.

*INTROIT #83 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*(v.1&3)

Neale, 1851

*CALL TO WORSHIP

John the Baptizer came out of the wilderness to preach repentance. He preaches to us still.

Make straight the paths we now walk.

God sent this messenger to all the world.

We must prepare the way for God's reign of justice and peace.

Even now, a voice is crying out:

Prepare the way of the Lord!

*HYMN #93

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Weissel, 1642

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved, let us trust in God's love for us and confess our sins, confident in God's mercy. Join me as we offer our confession to the One who will make us new once more. Let us pray, first silently, then together using the words in the bulletin.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You witness the sorts of lives we lead, Merciful God. Asked to share the gospel of hope, we place it on our to-do list instead. Given the chance to cry out for justice for others, we fall strangely silent. Invited to pray with joy in every moment, we prefer to grumble about every insignificant thing. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Fill us with Your hope so we might lighten the burden of others. Help us to join the choirs of children singing Your joy, especially in this season. Then, please transform us with the tender mercy of the Bethlehem Child, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie Eleison

*"Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, I am confident of this: if we repent, God is sure to forgive us.

We are held in God's heart, not only on this day, but all the days of our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3: 1-4, 8-12

Bibles, p.838/LG. p.1088

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

HYMN #701

"Lord, Prepare Me" (2x)

Thompson & Scruggs, 1982

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:1-6

Bibles, p.56/ LG. p.72

The Word of God, for the People of God

Thanks be to God

SERMON

"Two Cousins Changed the World"

Rev. Candice L. Klein

Responding

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together. The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as Lord, in the Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the

midst of a sinful world, that it is solely His property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from His direction in the expectation of His appearance.” This, we believe. Amen.

– *The Theological Declaration of Barmen 8.16-8.17*

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **“Here, O My Lord” (PENITENTIA)** arr. Smith

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES TO THE WORK OF GOD’S KINGDOM

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Those who are able may come down the center aisle to be served. If you prefer, please remain seated and the elements will be brought to you. The outer ring of the communion tray contains white grape juice and the inner rings contain wine.

Sending

*HYMN #106 **“Prepare the Way, O Zion” (v.1-2)** Franzen, 1812

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*RESPONSE #106 **“Prepare the Way, O Zion” (v.3)**

POSTLUDE **“Fairest Lord Jesus”** arr. Hughes

(*) Those who are able may stand.

Bold italic letters indicate congregational responses.

This week’s prayers and concerns: Jane & Tolly Dill, Diane Dill, Cindy Ratliff, Debbie Murphy, Jack Clark and family, the Building Commissioners

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 12/07	Presbyterian Women’s Christmas Luncheon	
Tues. 12/08	Worship Meeting	6:00pm
Thur. 12/10	Presbytery Meeting	Ft. Worth
Sun. 12/13	Christmas Luncheon	

Every Wednesday in December the Choir will practice at 6:00pm

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