

# Service for the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

December 09, 2018

Blessed is the Lord God, who has come to save us.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

(each person prays silently)

*Holy God, prepare the way in us and in our world for the coming of your living Word, so that all flesh may know your saving grace, through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Gathering

PRELUDE

Selected

WELCOME

Jimmy Chapman

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Joy Gift

Kathy Porter

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Katie, Scott, and Briar Hurst

\*INTROIT #90

*"Wait for the Lord"*

Berthier, 1984

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance; he preaches to us still.

*Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.*

\*HYMN #96

*"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"*

Chandler, 1837

CALL TO CONFESSION

Saints, let us trust in God's love for us and confess our sin, confident in God's mercy. Let us pray, first, silently, and then, together, with the Unison Prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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. The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Grateful for the promise of joy and of peace, let us share that peace with one another.

*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

ANTHEM

*"But Who May Abide"*

(Joshua Allen, Soloist) (Music from Handel's "Messiah")

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Baruch 5:1-9

Not Available in Pew Bibles

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

HYMN #366

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

Wesley, 1747

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

*"Outside the Inn-Siders"*

Rev. Charlie Hornes`

## Responding

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Affirmation of Faith is from The Westminster Confession of Faith (6.056)*

*In the gospel God declares his love for the world and his desire that all men should be saved; reveals fully and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and commands all to embrace the offered mercy; and by his Spirit accompanying the Word pleads with men to accept his gracious invitation. This, we believe.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

## MINISTRY OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

Selected

## \*DOXOLOGY

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## *Sending*

## \*HYMN #106

*“Prepare the Way, O Zion”*

Franzen, 1812

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \*RESPONSE

*“Prepare Ye”*

*(Chancel Choir)*

## POSTLUDE

Selected

(\* Those who are able may stand.

*Bold italic letters* indicate congregational responses.

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**This week’s prayers and concerns:** Debbie Castro, Syble DeLoach, Jack Gray, Joyce Huggins, Billie Manck, Cindy and Bob Ratliff, Bob Schauwecker, Patsy Snelgrove, Billy Tapley, Kay Warren, Sue Williams, and Bill Caldwell (Katie Hurst’s father).