

Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 2020

GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Prelude: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" Robert Lau

Invocation

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

*Hymn: #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (vs 1,5,6,7) (see insert)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response:** In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; In the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God: do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. (#654)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Lo, How a Rose" Jason Payne

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #85 "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (see insert)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the
Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the
way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a

highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill
be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
⁵ Then the glory of the Lord shall
be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
⁹ Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings,
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"
¹⁰ See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
¹¹ He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep

Sermon: **A Season of Preparing**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles Creed

The Peace of Christ

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Hymn: #123 "It came upon the Midnight Clear" (vs. 1,3,4,5) (see insert)

*Benediction

Silent Prayer (be seated)

Postlude: "From Heaven Above" Gordon Young

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. Robert W. Birch, Minister

Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

WORSHIP HOUR INFORMATION:

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in memory of my beloved husband Eugene Sowers
who passed away 5 years ago
Given by Betty Sowers**

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION:

PRAYER FAMILY THIS WEEK: George & Karen Shue

The **Toys for Tots** box is in the narthex near the east vestibule door. The Marines would appreciate your generosity even more so this year because they feel giving will be less. Most needed are toys for children 0-2 years & 9-12 years. For ages 9-12, it could be a watch, makeup kit, jewelry, wallet, etc. Last year was great, and I hope you all can give again. Please call the office to find a time when you can drop off your toy. Thank you!

Dave Berkheimer

We will have Poinsettias again this year! You can order them until noon on Wednesday, December 16. They are still only \$8! Your poinsettia can again be dedicated in honor of or in memory of whomever you wish. Put your dedication and payment in a sealed envelope and drop it off in the narthex on Tuesdays & Fridays from 8:30-Noon. At other times, place it in the envelope on the front door of the Manse. Details on when you can pick your plant up will follow.

Peanut Butter Bonbons We will be making peanut butter bonbons tomorrow, Monday, December 7 at 10:00am. Call Carol Shearer if you would like to help make them or donate supplies. You can order bonbons by calling the church office or Carol Shearer and make arrangements to pick them up at the church or have them delivered. We will have milk chocolate, dark chocolate, or mixed at a cost of \$6.50 per container

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1740, moved to Paradise in 1840.*



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