

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Organist..... Arvin Berner
Song Leaders.....Cathlin Davis, Jennifer Ward
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*The altar flowers today are given by Elizabeth Francis,
in celebration of the birthday of Sheila Carroll on December 3!*

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Second Sunday of Advent

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Order of Service for the Worship of God

Welcome! We're so glad you're here! We thank you for your observance of one another's health measures as we strive to worship in safe community together.

WE GATHER

GATHERING MUSIC

Arvin Berner, harpsichord

PROCESSIONAL

"Savior of the Nations, Come."

– arr. Kenneth T. Kosche
Arvin Berner, pipe organ

WELCOME

Pastor

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Daren and Leslie Williams

OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist & All

Merciful God,
you sent your messengers the prophets
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation.
Give us grace to heed their warnings,
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

RED #211 vs. 1,2,6

PASSING THE PEACE

All

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(You are invited to stand as able and greet your neighbor with a loving word or gesture of peace! Children & youth are invited to come forward at this time for the Children's Moment. Please be seated at the chime of the bell.)

WE PROCLAIM

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

"Love Has Come"

GREEN #3059 vs. 3

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 3:1-12 (NRSVue)

Liturgist

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Praise Ye the Lord"
from the Christmas Oratorio

– arr. Camille Saint-Saens
Chancel Choir

SERMON

"Heaven on Earth"

Pastor

WE RESPOND

PRAYER SONG

"What Child is This?"

RED #219 vs. 1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

NEXT STEPS IN DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor

Offertory

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

– by. J.D. Taylor
Lisa Battista, piano

Doxology

"Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and O Holy Ghost to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
ever more and ever more. Amen."

RED #184 vs. 3

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(The Table of Christ is open to all! Please follow along on the screens.)

Invitation

Confession & Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Prayer of Jesus

Receiving the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Communion

WE GO FORTH

HYMN

"Angels We have Heard on High"

RED #238 vs. 1-4

BENEDICTION

Pastor

RECESSIONAL

"Shalom"

RED #664 vs.2

Praise Collective

POSTLUDE

"How Great Our Joy"

– arr. Donna J. Krieger
Lisa Battista, piano