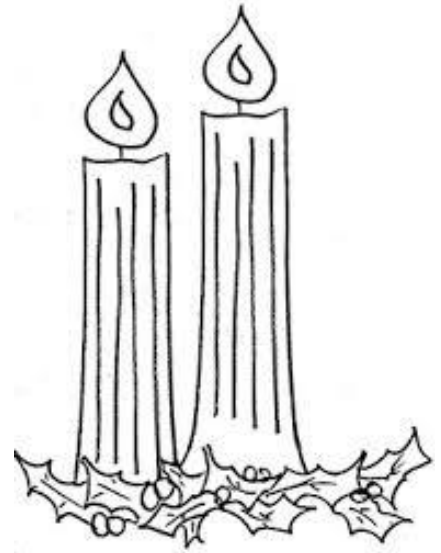


# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021  
10:00 AM Service  
Holy Communion



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

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**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

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# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**VOLUNTARY**

Savior of the Nations, Come

Charles W. Ore

*[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

*[Please stand when the chimes sound and face the Baptistry in the rear of the sanctuary.]*

### PRAYER FOR THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT: LOVE

*Lector* Today we light two candles. The first candle reminds us to recapture the wonder of the season. In a world that seldom slows, Advent is an opportunity to still our hearts and open our eyes to the wonder and majesty of our Savior. As we light the second candle, we call to mind God's promise to restore, redeem and reconcile a broken world, spoken through the prophets and fulfilled through Christ.

### ADVENT HYMN

The Wonder of Christmas

Joel Raney

**Congregation:**

There is won - der in the hope of the birth of a  
King, there is won - der in the sound of the an - gels as they  
sing. O — come, O come, Em - man - u -  
el, and join us here.

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**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within,  
and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.**

**To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.**

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All* **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from  
whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily  
magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray... Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach  
repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their  
warnings and forsake our sins, 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 for ever.

*All* **AMEN.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

*Lector*      *The First Reading is taken from Baruch chapter 5...*

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## METRICAL CANTICLE 16

Blessed Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,  
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill that promise to bring our people peace.**

**Now from the house of David a child of grace has come,  
a Savior who will lead us to our eternal home.  
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.**

**On all by death imprisoned the sun begins to rise,  
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,  
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;  
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!**

## THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

*Lector* The Second Reading is taken from Philippians chapter 1...

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Creator of the Stars

CONDITOR ALME SIDERIUM

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Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;  
Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Deacon* In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Whitney Burton

*All stand as able.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*People*        **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Deacon*        Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Lector*        Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Lector*        Lord, in your mercy

*People*        **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector*        Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this week for Betty Lombardo, Dick Smedley, Andrea Zahn, Marilyn Nalewajek, and Bill Elmendorf.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially . . . [*add names from notebook*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*], give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [*add names from notebook*]) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

*People*      **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. AMEN.**

*Celebrant*    Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*All*            **AMEN.**

### **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

**OFFERTORY**

Celtic Advent

Michael Barrett  
Choir

*All stand as able.*

### **THE PRESENTATION**

*Deacon*      We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

**PRESENTATION HYMN      Tune: HYFRYDOL**

**Praise we bring to God the Father,  
Praise we bring to God the Son,  
Praise to God the Holy Spirit, praise to you, the Three in One.  
Trinity of love inspire us, may we always strive to be  
One in Love and one in worship--children of eternity**

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* (*Proper Preface*)

*Celebrant* Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus from Missa Emmanuel

Richard Proulx

*Cantor, then all:*  
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

*Cantor:*  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*All:*  
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*Cantor:*  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*All:*  
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*            **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*All*

Richard Proulx



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*  
*People*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament in one kind.*

*If you desire a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

**COMMUNION** Improvisation on 'Savior of the Nations, Come' Paul Manz

*Please remain seated.*

**POST COMMUNION HYMN 67** Comfort, Comfort Ye My People TUNE: PSALM 42

**Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.**

**Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.**

**Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,  
calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.**

**Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.**

**Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain:  
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.**

**For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray...

*All* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

## THE SENDING HYMN 54

Savior of the Nations, Come  
Tune: NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child Of the Virgin undefiled!  
Mighty God and Mary's son, eager now his race to run!

Thus on earth the Word appears, gracing his created spheres;  
Hence to death and hell descends, then the heavenly throne ascends.

Come, O Father's saving Son, who o'er sin the victory won.  
Boundless shall your kingdom be; grant that we its glories see.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
*People* Thanks be to God!

## VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Andrea Zahn
Lectors	Frank & Sandy Kneen
Prayers of the People	Maureen Belote
Ushers	Steve & Carolina Maisel
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