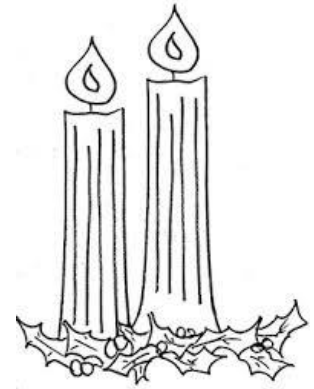


The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM • Sat. Service at 5 PM

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are new to our congregation: Please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

Childcare is available: During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

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.

If you read music: if there is a number next to the title of the hymn, the music will be in our blue Hymnal, which is in the pew rack. Hymn numbers with an "S" in front are in the front section of the Hymnal, all others are sequential in the main section.

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

Getting to know each other: Following the service we welcome **everyone** for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, which is up the ramp archway across from the doors of the sanctuary, and to the right.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

J. Brahms

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH AND PRAYER

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

Advent Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

H 56, v. 1, 4

AI *O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Prayer for the Second Candle of Advent: Love

P We light the first candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Hope. *[One blue candle is lit.]*

We light the second candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Love. *[2nd blue candle is lit.]*

L Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

C **Our God, we come to you today filled with love. We ask your blessing upon us and our mission. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

AI *O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

GATHERING HYMN

Prepare the Way, O Zion

H 65

AI *Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

*He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

*Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

MISSION MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

G And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

A Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray... Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Isaiah 11:1–10 • Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19 • Romans 15:4–13 • Luke 3:2–14

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

L *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, chapter*

A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse; a branch will sprout from his roots. The Lord's spirit will rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of planning and strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. He will delight in fearing the Lord. He won't judge by appearances, nor decide by hearsay. He will judge the needy with righteousness, and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land. He will strike the violent with the rod of his mouth; by the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked.

Righteousness will be the belt around his hips, and faithfulness the belt around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; the calf and the young lion will feed together, and a little child will lead them. The cow and the bear will graze. Their young will lie down together, and a lion will eat straw like an ox. A nursing child will play over the snake's hole; toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den.

They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain. The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, just as the water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse will stand as a signal to the peoples. The nations will seek him out, and his dwelling will be glorious.

L The Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

[Tune: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*]

AI *Send us, O God, the One whose reign Will make your justice known,
Who will deal fairly with your land, The poor, and all your own,

Who will defend the needy poor And make oppression cease;
Let every mountain, every hill, Bring righteousness and peace.

Send us the One who will endure While sun and moon remain
And who will come like springtime showers And as refreshing rain.

In that day let all those who live In righteousness increase,
And till the moon shall be no more, Let there be ample peace.*

The Second Reading

L *The Second Reading is taken from Romans, Chapter 15...*

Whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction so that we could have hope through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures. May the God of endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude toward each other, similar to Christ Jesus' attitude. That way you can glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ together with one voice.

So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory. I'm saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, in order to confirm the promises given to the ancestors, and so that the Gentiles could glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written, *Because of this I will confess you among the Gentiles, and I will sing praises to your name.* And again, it says, *Rejoice, Gentiles, with his people.* And again, *Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and all the people should sing his praises.* And again, Isaiah says, *There will be a root of Jesse, who will also rise to rule the Gentiles. The Gentiles will place their hope in him.*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION

Word of God

[Please stand.]

AI *Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.*

The Gospel

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

☑ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

☐ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea announcing, “Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!” He was the one of whom Isaiah the prophet spoke when he said:

The voice of one shouting in the wilderness, “Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight.”

John wore clothes made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

People from Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and all around the Jordan River came to him. As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. Many Pharisees and Sadducees came to be baptized by John. He said to them, “You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don’t even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham’s children from these stones. The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire. I baptize with water those of you who have changed your hearts and lives. The one who is coming after me is stronger than I am. I’m not worthy to carry his sandals. “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can’t be put out.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Maureen Belote

[Please be seated.]

Sermon Hymn

On Jordan’s Bank

[Please stand.]

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

***Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.***

***We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without your grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.***

***Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more;
oh, let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine.***

***All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.***

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

A1 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]

D Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

L 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...* We pray in love.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L 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...* We pray in love.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L 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. We give you thanks for the flowers given by Maureen and Gene Belote in thanksgiving for Episcopal Relief and Developments One Thousand Days of Love and by Wayne and Jane Morris to the glory of God and in loving memory of Patrick Morris. *Silence...* We pray in love.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L 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 thank you for all the blessings of this life [especially . . . *read items from notebook.*] *Silence...* We pray in love.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially . . . *read names from notebook...*]. We pray also for those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time...*]; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence...* We pray in love.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L These things and all for which we pray, we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

[*Please stand or kneel.*]

D Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. [*Silence is kept.*]
Most merciful God . . .

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

[*Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions may receive an individual blessing.*]

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[*Please stand.*]

P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

C And also with you. [*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*]

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☐ Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

[If this is your first time worshiping with us, please let your offering be only the completed blue guest card, and let this service be our gift to you.]

OFFERTORY

A Universal Blessing

A. Parker

[Please be seated.]

PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the 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

God of the Fertile Fields

☐

***God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields
our daily bread: forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned, that all in every land be clothed and fed.***

***We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you
all that you give; help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care for people everywhere, that all may live.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

☐ It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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

Emmanuel

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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

Bles-sed is he who comes in the name o - f the Lord.

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

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- P** 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.
- P** 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:


All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

P 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



A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All 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.

FRACTION

P The bread we break makes us one in Christ.

C Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, thanksgiving, for a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

COMMUNION MUSIC

[Please remain seated.]

COMMUNION CHANT

WAIT FOR THE LORD

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

All



The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the chant, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P 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

[Please stand.]

P The Lord calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Day of the Lord by filling our lives with the promises of hope, the labors of love, the depths of joy, and the strengths of peace; go from here with the blessing of the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, this day and forever.

G Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Live into Hope

AD *Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!*

*Love into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.*

*Live in to hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.*

*Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.*

THE DISMISSAL

D Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

The King Shall Come

D. Johnson

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Becky Robbins-Penniman
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Preacher	Maureen Belote
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte	Peter Brotherhood
Chalicians	Miriam Benitez-Nixon
	Joe Nixon
Lectors	Donna Brotherhood
	Leslie Kulikauskas
Prayers of the People	Carolyn Hughes
Prayer Team	Cheryl Sharpe
	Laurel Banta
Greeters	Leslie Kulikauskas
	Renee Furay
Ushers	Jay Ozbun
	Alan Mackay
Welcome Center	Nancy Fisher & Susan Fowler
Coffee Hour Hosts	Frank & Sandy Kneen
Buildings & Grounds	Jerry Ozbun