Hearing God’s Call to Become Community

Prelude
“One Candle is Lit”   # 128

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Readers
Don Aye   8:30am
Jim & Denise Ward  10:30am

Hymn: “Prepare the Way of Lord”   # 121

Prepare the way of the Lord, Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God. (Repeat)

Hymn of Gathering
“Blessed Be the God of Israel”   # 135

1. 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 the promise to bring our people peace.

2. 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.

3. 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!

Seeking God’s Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship   8:30am-Jack Kline / 10:30am-Roy McLellan
“Song of Mary” (see insert)   # 131

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

The Text
Hebrews 10:5-10 (NRSV)

Message
“Prepare the Way: Through Jesus”   Rev. Schwartz

Call for Our Offerings
Time for Giving
8:30am-Jack Kline / 10:30am-Roy McLellan

Doxology
“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”   #46

*Prayer of Dedication

Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God’s Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Responsive Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation   8:30am-Jack Kline / 10:30am-Roy McLellan

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion Hymn: “My Soul Gives Glory to My God”   # 130

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn
“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”   #150

1. Hark! the herald angels sing. “Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled” Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!” Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him come, off-spring of the Virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings, mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth, Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

* Benediction   Rev. Schwartz

Postlude
“When God Is a Child”  # 132
Hebrews 10: 5-10  (NRSV)

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
7 Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

8 When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. 10 And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!