

Hearing God's Call to Become Community

Prelude: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" # 160

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reader: 8:30am – Chris Niebrugge / 10:30am Frank Morgan & Julia Schwartz

Candle Song: "Prepare the Way of the 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:** "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates" #129

1. Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; behold the glorious Ruler waits! The Sovereign One is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.
2. Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart; from earthly use for heaven's employ; adorned with prayer and love and joy.
3. Redeemer come! We open wide; our hearts to you here, Christ, abide! Let us your inner presence feel; your grace and love in us reveal.
4. So come, our Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin; your Holy Spirit guide us on; until the glorious crown be won.

Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

*Responsive Call to Worship 8:30am Jack Kline/10:30am Frank Morgan

Reading : "The Peaceful Realm" (see insert) # 126

Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Message Justin & Abigail

Text Romans 15: 4-13 (NRSVA)

Message "A Community of Hope" Rev. Schwartz

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings 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/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation 8:30am. Rev.Schwartz/ 10:30am Roy McLellan

The Lord's Prayer

*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

Communion Music: "Creator of the Stars of Night" # 127

Departing to Serve Where God Leads

Closing Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" # 155

1. Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains

REFRAIN: Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo! Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? **REFRAIN:**

3. Come to Bethlehem and see; Christ, who comes in lowly birth. Come adore on bended knee; Jesus, joy of heaven and earth. **REFRAIN:**

4. See within a manger laid; Christ, whom choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend you aid; while our hearts in love we raise. **REFRAIN:**

*Benediction Rev. Schwartz

Postlude: "Comfort, Comfort You My People" # 122

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday in Advent
Liturgical Color: Violet

Romans 15: 4-13 (NRSVA)

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name’;

¹⁰and again he says, ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

¹¹and again, ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him’;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: These are Words from the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

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Sunday, December 4, 2022 ☩ 10:30a.m.

Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.