

Liturgy
December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." As we worship today, let us prepare to welcome God's dramatic work in our midst, in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation. Let us worship God.

—based on Isaiah 40:3

Lighting of Advent candles

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Song of Adoration: Hymn #203- "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Prayer of Invocation

Song of Praise: Red Book #52- "O Great God"

Song of Thanksgiving: Hymn #649- "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

Confession of Faith

Minister: Christians, what do you believe.

Congregation: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world which some seek to control, and others view with despair, we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! Remembering the promise to reconcile the world to himself, God joined our humanity in Jesus Christ the eternal Word made flesh. He is the long-awaited Messiah, one with us and one with God, fully human and fully divine, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. We long for that day when our bodies are raised, the Lord wipes away our tears, and we dwell forever in the presence of God. We will take our place in the new creation, where there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, and the Lord will be our light. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-7

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sin.

Congregation: O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of

good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear now the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sin and trust in Christ: As we hear the ancient prophecies of the coming of the Messiah, we long for the day when death will be swallowed up and every tear will be wiped away. As we wait expectantly for Christ's promised return, we live in the assurance of God's gracious forgiveness.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession – Harry Jameson

Song of Preparation: Hymn #207- "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Sermon: Guest pastor: Rev. Ed Veldhuizen, "The Annunciation"

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

"Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name,
bring an offering and come into his courts.
Worship the LORD in holy splendor,
tremble before him, all the earth." (Psalm 96:8-9)

Closing Song: Red Book #50- "O How He Loves You and Me"

Benediction

"And again, Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."
(Romans 15:12-13)