

Order of Worship
December 10, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "Spirit of the Living God" # 322

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Lighting of the Candle of Peace: (responsively)

Leader: Let us wait for the Lord's coming as we continue this Advent season.

People: In what way are we to wait?

Leader: Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah 52:6-8 – There will come a day, says the Lord when "my people shall know my name; therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here am I. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says ..., "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the coming of the Lord ..."

All: Believing that the Lord will come, we wait in peace, knowing that what we experience in this world is not how we will always live, as God's people.

*Hymn: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" # 38

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Holy God, we confess that we do not always walk in your light. We hurt and destroy each other; we neglect the poor and hungry. We let evil go unchecked among us and we fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us; deliver us; prepare the way for us, so that we may be ready to enter into your presence in a new way during this Christmas season. For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Confession Response: "Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us." # 574

Assurance of Pardon

Greeting One Another

*Response "Gloria Patri" # 579

HEARING THE WORD

Let the Children Come

Choral Music

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Sermon: "God of True Comfort"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" # 9

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offertory and Presentation of Gifts to God

*Doxology # 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: "What Child Is This?" # 53

*Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response: "God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you; with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you til we meet again."