

Order of Worship
December 09, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Introit: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" # 9
(verses 1 & 2)

PRAISE AND ADORATION

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Candle of Preparation

Leader: On this Second Sunday in Advent, our journey continues as we get ready to meet the promised Lord. Read with me the words from the prophet Malachi, chapter 3, verses 1-4:

All: "See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?"

Leader: Through the prophets God still calls us to prepare for his coming – both during this Christmas season and at the end of time. As we wait for the coming of the Day of the Lord, let us turn from the ways of sin and death so that we may be ready to meet him. We light the Candle of Hope and the Candle of Preparation.

Unison Prayer. Lord of hosts, you have sent your Spirit to purify our hearts and refine us so that we may be pleasing, living offerings to you. As we prepare ourselves for the arrival of the Christ, may all we do bring honor and glory to your name and may we also prepare the way for others to meet you. Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Holy God, you have sent us messengers who call us to repentance, who call us to prepare the way of the Lord, but we have not always listened. We have not always chosen what is best for us or made the path straight for your reign in our lives, our church and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and

renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our coming King. 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: Luke 3:1-6

Sermon: "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High" # 23

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: "Amen"