

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
December 8th, 2013      2nd Sunday of Advent  
Order of Morning Worship  
11:00 am

**Organ Prelude and Chimes**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rhonda Johnson

**"In Search of Our Kneeling Places" by Elder Ann Weems**

**Preparation for the Word**

**The Call to Worship** (Romans 15:4-13)

Leader: Christ, the One who was, and is, and is to come, welcomes you to this place.

**People:** *As one body, with one voice, we honor and glorify the giver of wisdom, counsel, knowledge and joy.*

Leader: Amen! So be it!

**•Hymn 10**      "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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**Call to Confession**

Leader: Let us lay before God the distances between us, impatience, idolatries, and lack of compassion that form our confessions this day.

**People:** *For if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.*

Leader: Yet, in mercy, God will forgive us and renew us.

**Prayer of Confession**

*Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people. We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation. We do not heed your word each day in all that we do and say. We do not see neighbors, friends, and families as beloved children whom you have made. In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways, and look to your power to heal us and raise us up so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and give us peace. Amen.*

**Assurance of Pardon** (Matthew 3:12)

Leader: The reign of God has come near;

**People:** *the repentant will be judged with righteousness.*

Leader: You are forgiven. Be filled with hope, believing in the power of the risen Christ to bring you to new life. Rejoice . . . and believe!

**• Kyrie 574**      *You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!  
You are the Christ, Giver of Mercy!  
You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*

**Proclamation of the Word**

**"The Advent Wreath"**      Brian, Penny, Harleigh, Moose, Bayleigh, Lydia and Trever Lee

**Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle II**      "Candle of Peace"

**Advent Prayer**

**Hymn 4**

"Creator of the Stars of Night" (verses 1 and 2)

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

**Children's Time**

**Prayer for the Day**

*O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up your power within us, that in this time we may await with abundant expectation the fulfillment of your eternal purpose in creation, for you live and reign among us, Maker, Savior, Giver of Life, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Scripture**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7; 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

**• Gloria Patri**

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**Anthem**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Adult Choir

**The Message**

"I Don't Believe It!" by Linda Poeima

**Response to the Word**

**•Hymn 48**

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

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**Prayers of the People**

**Thanksgivings**

**Intercessions**

**The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)**

**The Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory**

**•Doxology (#592)**

**•Prayer of Dedication**

**•Hymn 27**

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

**•Benediction**

**•Congregational Response**      "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (verse 1) #29

**Postlude**

**•Those who are able, please stand**

*(Please see bulletin insert for Questions for Reflection and Household Prayers)*