

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 6th, 2015
2nd Sunday of Advent
Order of Morning Worship
11:00 am

Prelude

Procession

Welcome and Prayer of the Day

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship (adapted from Isaiah 9)

Leader: You, O God, have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;

People: *they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.*

Leader: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;

People: *authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Leader: His authority shall grow continually,

People: *and there shall be endless peace.*

•Hymn 2

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

Moment of Silent Confession

Kyrie 572

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

(Respond with Alleluia, Amen!)

•Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 (refrain)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

•The Peace

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

People: *And also with you.*

•Gloria Patri

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Proclamation of the Word

“The Advent Wreath”

Scripture:

Isaiah 2:4, 11:6

Lighting of the Advent Candle II

Advent Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Malachi 3:1-4 (*page 838*)

Philippians 1:3-11 (*page 181*)

Luke 3:1-6 (*pages 54-55*)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Kathy Swisher

The Rivers Family

Children's Sermon

Anthem

“Holy Is The Newborn Child”

Adult Choir

Sermon

“How Can We Prepare?”

Rev. J. David Shearer

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed (*Traditional*) *page 14*

•Hymn 36

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

CRANHAM

Announcements/Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Amen #583 - *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

The Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 22

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

REGENT SQUARE

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” #29 (*refrain*)

Go, tell it on the mountain

Over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain

That Jesus Christ is born!

Postlude

• *Those who are able, please stand*

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