



BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 6th, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM

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***Please stand in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING

Ring of the Bell

Prelude & Chimes

“Prelude on ‘Slane’”
arranged by Fred B. Binckes

Welcome & Announcements

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

WE APPROACH GOD

Call to Worship *(responsive)*

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

Leader: We need to worship, Lord!

People: *We need to get clean.*

Leader: We need to find life.

People: *We need our emptiness filled,*

Leader: Our dryness relieved,

People: *Our deadness revived,*

Leader: So we come to you,

People: *To drink of the living water,*

Leader: And have our thirst quenched,

People: *To have you bring order out of our chaos.*

Prayer of Adoration

****Call to Confession**

****Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

(Prayer of Confession continues)

God of the future, you are coming to bring comfort and joy to all the earth. We confess that we have looked for comfort and joy in the wrong places. We live casual lives ignoring your invitation to live with integrity. We accept lies as truth, exploit those who are weak, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to distinguish between what is true and trustworthy and what is false and deceptive, and to seek things that will endure forever.

*** Moment of Silent Confession ***

****Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Music

“Serenity”

Bonnita L. Luciotti

Lighting of the Advent Candle

“Candle of Peace”

Steve & Mo Kyle

Congregational Response (unison)

*A candle is burning, a candle of Peace,
A candle to signal that conflict must cease,
For Jesus is coming to show us the way,
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.*

Advent Prayer

Advent Music

“He Is Our Peace”

arranged by Tim Doran

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Malcolm Brownlee, Guest Minister

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1-11
 Mark 1:1-8

(service continues)

Sermon

“Giving and Receiving Comfort”
Rev. Malcolm Brownlee

Music & Time of Reflection

“Be Still, and Have Faith”
by James Denton

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

****Statement of Faith** (*unison*)

Apostles’ Creed

Joys & Concerns

Jill Webb, Worship Leader

The Prayers of the People

. . . We pray these things in the name of the one who taught us to pray,

Our Father . . .

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

SENDING

****Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Malcolm Brownlee

Postlude

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”
arranged by Robert J. Hughes

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***CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE***

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*Bill Brubeck
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Kathy Swisher

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Tim Turner

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Jill Webb

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*Serving a one year term

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