

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 2022  
8:30am and 11:00am



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## Welcome to Worship!

**A special welcome to all who are worshipping with us today.** If you are new to our community or a first-time visitor, we invite you to fill out the pew card and indicate if you'd like to hear from us. You may place in All are welcome to the Lord's Table to receive the body and blood of Christ. Gluten free wafers are available as are red wine or white grape juice.

**Today is the Second Sunday of Advent.** Advent which means coming, is a season of hope, a reflective time for preparation as we make our journey to Bethlehem to see and rejoice in the miracle at the stable. In keeping with the season, the music of the liturgy reflects this mood. The Cantic of Praise, *Glory to God in the Highest*, which the angels sang that first Christmas Eve is silenced until our Christmas Eucharist. The beautiful Advent banners which are taken from the Advent Carol, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, appear. Our Advent panels are rich with the symbols of our Christian faith; take time to enjoy their beauty.

**Advent Wreath:** The second candle on the Advent wreath—The Bethlehem candle—reminds us of the birthplace of Jesus. Through the prophet Micah, God revealed that the Savior would be born in Bethlehem. It is symbolic of the preparations being made to receive and cradle the Christ-Child. This is also referred to as the Joy Candle, reminding us that Jesus is coming again and all people will then see God's salvation. This will be cause for great joy and celebration!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(please stand as you're able)*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination*

**Most Merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ God gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

# ENTRANCE CAROL #264 Prepare the Royal Highway (*please stand*)

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

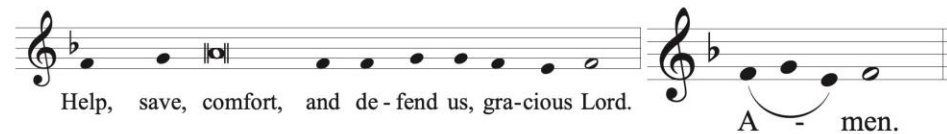
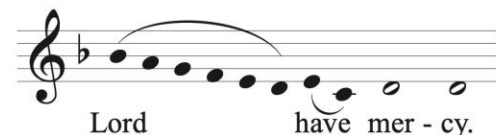
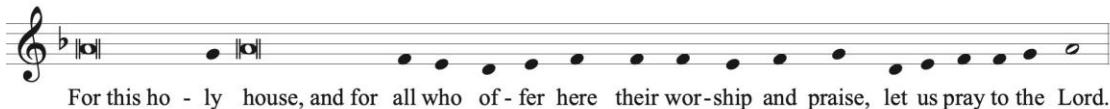
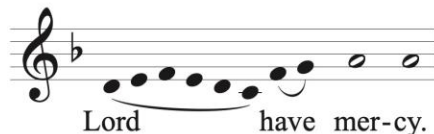
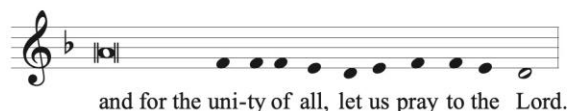
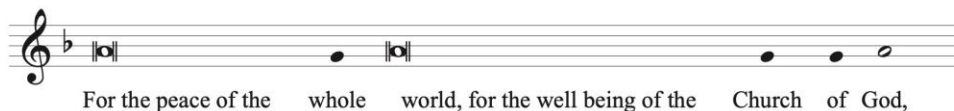
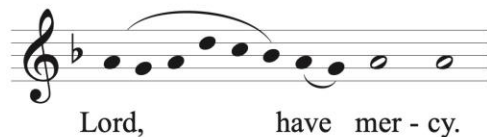
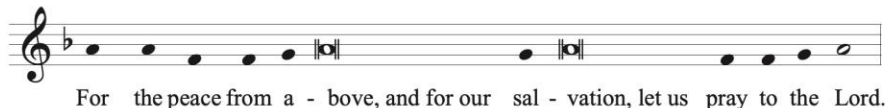
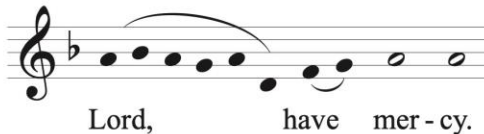
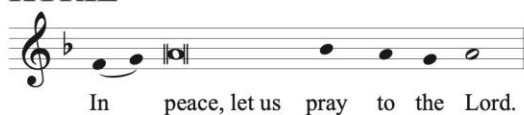
Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*  
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE



*The Canticle of Praise is omitted during Advent until we join the angels singing "Glory to God in the highest" on Christmas.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

## HYMN Light One Candle



1. Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
2. Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si-ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el God ful-fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

*(Two candles are lit.)*

## FIRST LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall

kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM (8:30)**      *The Advent Candle Song*      Clyde      Cantors  
**ANTHEM (11:00)**      *Fum, Fum, Fum,*      McChesney      Handbell Ensemble

## **SECOND LESSON      Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA



Cantor: Prepare the way<sup>1</sup> of the Lord.\* All flesh shall see the salva-<sup>1</sup> tion of God. *Assembly repeats Antiphon.*

## GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

The Gospel according to Matthew the third chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

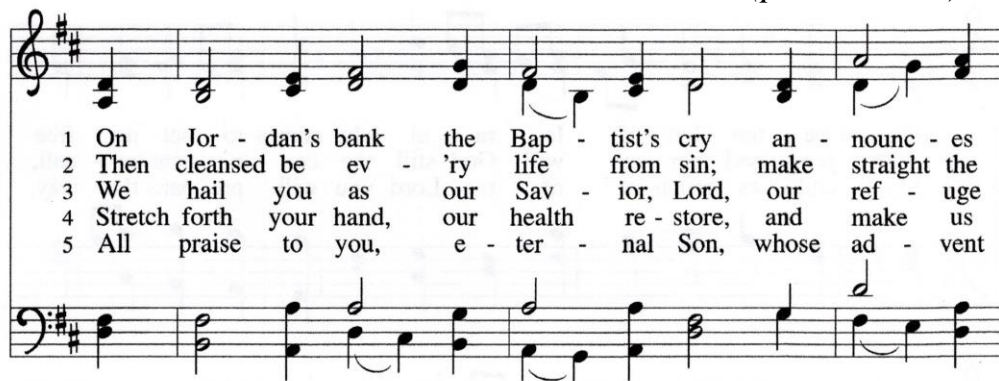
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

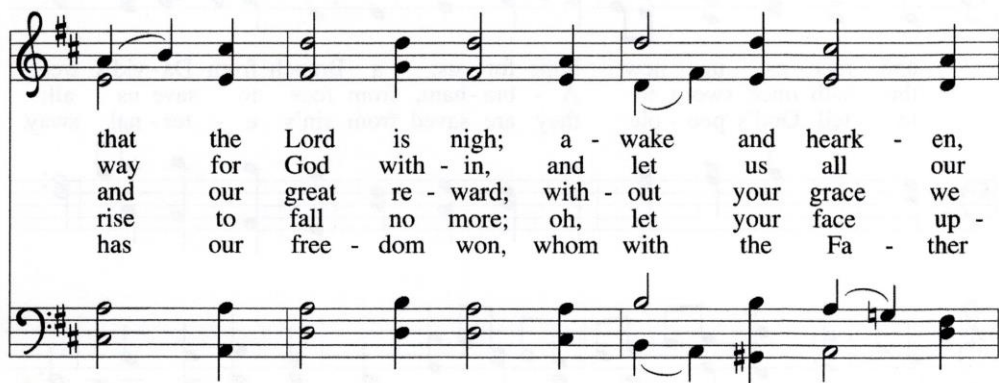
Pastor Laurie A Jones



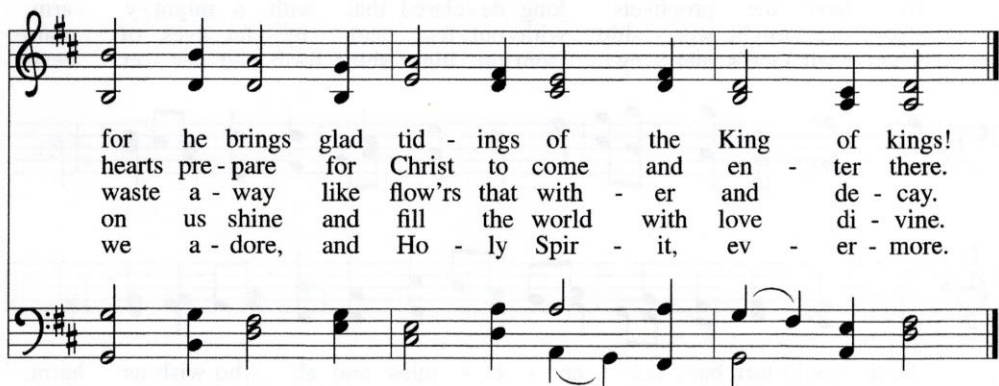
## CAROL OF THE DAY #249 On Jordan's Banks *(please stand)*



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 way for God with - in, and let us all - our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

## **NICENE CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. (*you may be seated*)**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **PEACE**

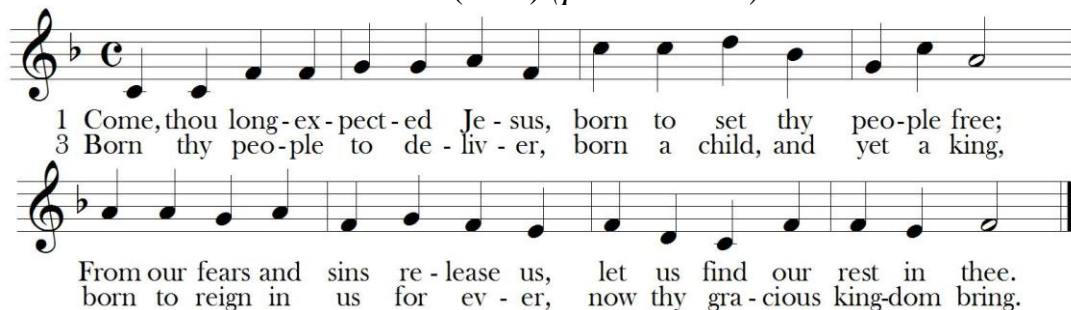
The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY (8:30)**      *Lost in the Night*

Cantors

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE (8:30) (*please stand*)

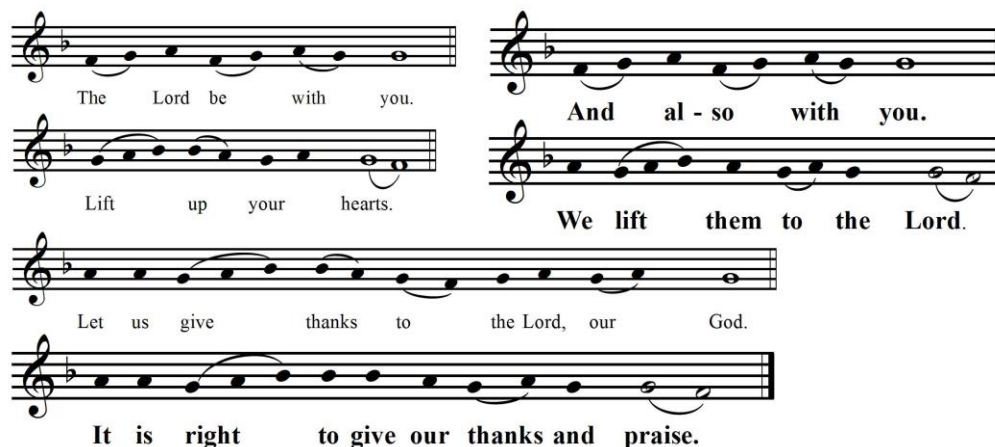


1 Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
3 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
From our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread and wine and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you.  
And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you O Lord, Holy Father...And so, with church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n\_\_ and  
earth\_\_ are full\_\_ of your glo ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho -  
san-na in the high-est, Blest is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.\_\_\_\_\_

Richard Proulx

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

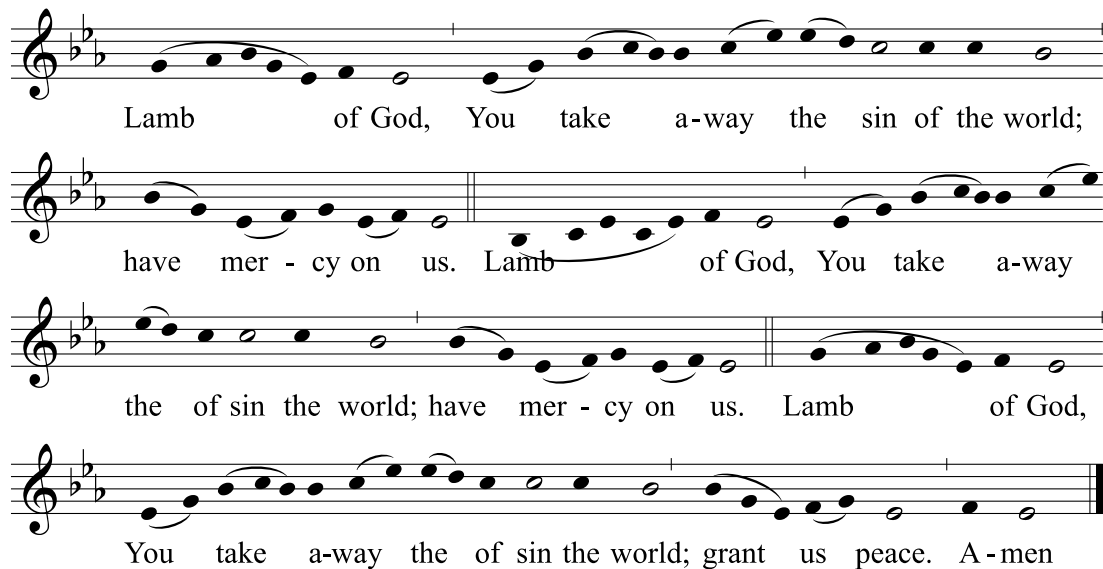
### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.** (*please be seated*)

## LAMB OF GOD



## BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### BENEDICTION *(please stand as you're able)*

God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## CAROL #260 The King Shall Come

1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phunt breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

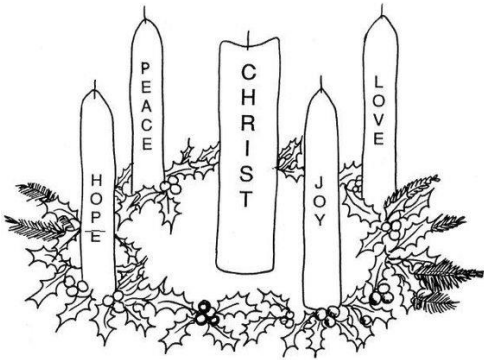
## ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Vivace (Concerto in D Major)* Vivaldi, arr Bach

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**Cantors at 8:30:** Alyse Jamieson & John Shields

**Cantor at 11am:** Bernie Bopp

## **Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule at Central**



### **Advent Worship & Holy Communion**

Sundays at 8:30am\* & 11am  
(Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, & 18)

### **Holden Evening Prayer**

Tuesdays at 7pm  
(Nov. 29, Dec. 6, & Dec. 13)

### **Advent Lessons & Carols**

Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4:30pm\*

### **Blue Christmas Service**

Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7pm

### **Christmas Eve Manger Service at 4:30pm\***

### **Christmas Eve Festival Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30pm\***

### **Christmas Day Worship Sunday, December 25th at 10am\***

### **Eighth Day of Christmas Worship Sunday, January 1st at 10am\***



Services denoted with an asterisk (\*) will also be live-streamed and available later as a podcast.

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