

FIRSTCHURCH

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Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome! We pray that worship at First United Methodist Church is a blessing for you, even as your presence blesses us. Since we remain under pandemic protocols, our time together will differ from our services in the past, but we celebrate that God's gift of grace is enough to sustain us in all circumstances. If the last year has taught us anything, it is that being together to worship God is an enormous blessing.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on 'Nun komm der heiden heiland'

by: Dietrich Buxtehude

The Trinity Chimes, the three chimes heard at the opening of the worship service, represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance;

he preaches to us still.

Make straight the paths we now walk

and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 196

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear de - sire of
spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all suf -

ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Malachi 3:1-4

Response:



Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righ-teous-ness;
make your way plain be-fore my face.

The Prophet Malachi said, “Pay attention! I am sending my Messenger to prepare the way for me; the one you seek will suddenly come to the Temple, the Messenger of the Covenant whom you long for will come, says Adonai Omnipotent. But who can endure the day of that coming? Who can stand firm when the One appears? That day will be like a smelter’s fire, a launderer’s soap. The One will preside as refiner and purifier, purifying the Children of Levi, refining them like gold and silver—then they will once again make offerings to Adonai in righteousness. Then the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to Adonai as they were in former days, in years long past. **R.**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Refining God,
you have sent us prophets and we have not listened.
We have not always determined what is best
or made way 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 Lord. Amen.**

Silence for personal confession.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 3:1-8

(See Insert)

SERMON

Living Creatively in the In-Between

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lead Kindly Light

by: Robert W. Lehman

Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom, Lead thou me on; The night is dark, and I am far from home; Lead thou me on; Keep thou my feet; I am far from home; Lead thou me on; Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me. I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou shouldst lead me on; I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead me on. I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will: remember not past years. So long thy pow'r hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone; And with the morn those angel faces smile which I have loved long since, and lost awhile. Amen.

DOXOLOGY, NO. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Pg. 9

The Lord be with you. **And Also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks and praise. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS

by: Richard Proulx

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power 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 highest, ho - san - na in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD & AGNUS DEI

1. 2.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Have mer-cy on us.

3.

sins of the world. Grant us your peace.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

Now Bless the God of Israel

KINGSFOLD

NOW BLESS THE GOD OF ISRAEL



1. Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, who
 2. Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant, God
 3. In ___ ten - der mer - cy, God will send the ___



comes in love and power, who rais - es from the
 res - cues us ___ from fear, that we might serve in
 day - spring from on high, our ris - ing sun, the



roy - al house de - liv - erance in ___ this hour. Through
 ho - li - ness and peace from year to year; and ___
 light ofr life for those who sit and sigh. God ___



ho - ly proph - ets God has sworn to ___
 you, my child, shall go be - fore to ___
 comes to guide our way to peace, that ___



free us ___ from a - larm, to ___ save us from the
 preach, to ___ proph - e - sy, that all may know the
 death shall reign no more. Sing prais - es to ___ the



heav - y hand of ___ all who wish to harm.
 ten - der love, the grace of God most high.
 Ho - ly One! O ___ wor - ship and a - dore!

†BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Nun komm der heiden heiland'

by: Denis Bédard

WORSHIP LEADERS

- Preacher:** Rev. Mark Flynn, *Lead Pastor*
Liturgists: Rev. Jenny Caughman, *Spiritual Care Pastor*
Ginger & Richard Meadows, *Wreath Lighters*
Music: Rev. Seth O'Kegley-Gibson, *Pastor of Music & Worship*
Josh Sumter, *Music Associate & Organist*
Members of the Parish Adult Choir

Large Poinsettias given to the glory of God by Carolyn Henderson in honor of Bob Henderson's homecoming.

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