December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude *"Piano Sonata No. 2, Mov. III"* Bortkiewicz

"Piano Sonata No. 8, Mov. II" Beethoven

Welcome

Message from the Deacons

Introit *"God Is Near"* Raney

Lighting of the Advent Candles Sally Hughes and Darlene Martin
During Advent we recall God's promises spoken to us long ago.
For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.
During Advent we anticipate promises yet to unfold.
For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.
During Advent we recall God's mighty deeds from ages past.
For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.
During Advent we anticipate mighty deeds yet to come.
For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.
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Opening Sentences *Rev. 22:20; Luke 1:68-69; Matt. 3:3*
Jesus says: I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
Blessed is the Holy One our God,
who has sent a mighty Savior to redeem us.
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord!
Let us worship God!

Prayer of the Day

+**Hymn #135** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession *Isa. 64:6-9*

Prayer of Confession
God of the future,
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.
We accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth,
and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure
when Christ comes to judge the world.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon *Isa. 40:4-5*
… we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn #163 ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN
"Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Prayers of Intercession
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Young children are dismissed to Sunday School

Invitation to the Lord's Table *Rom. 19:6-7, 9; Luke 13:29; 24:30-31*

Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also 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.
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The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution *1 Cor. 11:23-26*

Communion *"One Bread, One Body"* Foley

You will be invited to come forward to the table.
A gluten-free option is available.

Prayer after Communion
Gracious and abundant God,
even as we wait for the fulfillment of your creation,
you meet us in Christ at this table, in this meal.
We thank you for feeding us with the bread of life
and quenching our thirst with the cup of salvation.
Now send us out into the world by the power of your Holy Spirit
to share your life and salvation with all whom we meet. Amen.

Older children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

Invitation to Offering *2 Pet. 3:8-15*

Offertory *"Des Pays mysterieux"* Schumann

+**Response #173** *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* (refrain) ADESTE FIDELES
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

+**Affirmation of Faith** from *The Heidelberg Catechism* (1563)
Q. What does it mean that he "was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary"?
A. That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might also become David's true descendant, like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

New Testament Lesson Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:1-12

Response *Isa. 40:8; Mark 13:31*
Heaven and earth will pass away
but the word of the Lord stands forever.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Bill Pinches
"The One of Whom the Prophet Isaiah Spoke"

+**Hymn #136** *"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"* PUER NOBIS

+**Blessing** *Matt. 3:3*
…until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

+**Charge** *Isa. 40:3; Mark 1:3*
Prepare the way of the Lord! **Amen.**

+**Choral Benediction** PERSONENT HODIE
"Long Ago, Prophets Knew" (verse 2)

Postlude *"Salut d'Amour"* Elgar

Join us for fellowship after worship.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

Serving Us Today
Liturgist: Lucinda Davenport
Greeters: Jerry Ambrose and Vern Schrock
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Tim Hammond