

Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m. December 8, 2024

Entering God's Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 82 **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus** HYFRYDOL

*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: As quietly as the winter steals upon us, the season of joy approaches.

People: We wait for our Redeemer, for God's promise to be fulfilled.

Leader: The day is coming quickly. The God of mercy draws near.

People: Therefore we wait with joy, attentive to all the signs of his coming.

Leader: May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of Our Need for God's Forgiveness (unison)

God, with unhurried gentleness you draw near us, bidding us lift our eyes to the infinite stars and open them to ordinary wonders all around us. We see the waning sun, the dazzle of holiday display, each other's weary faces, and we know that we have seen this all before. We cannot claim a breathless anticipation of the birth of your Son. From the prophet's good news to the shepherd's joyful witness, we have heard it all before. The season is familiar and holds no surprises. God, remind us that your power and love are both ancient and ever new. Help us to recognize the love borne into the world at each moment. Then with glad hearts may we welcome your Son, before whom even the desert blooms and rejoices.

Time of Silence and Personal Confession

Musical Response **O Come, O Come Emmanuel** VENI EMMANUEL
Sunrise Handbell Choir

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

*Hymn 104 **O Lord, How Shall I Meet You** VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 691 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem **Gloria** (from Gloria RV589) Antonio Vivaldi

Luke 1:39-45 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 53 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon *May The Love of God Be a Guest in Your Home!* The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Affirmation of Faith and **Gloria Patri** (No. 581)

Christ Jesus though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death—even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen. (Phil. 2:5-11)

Ministry of Prayer [Text prayer requests to: (843) 437-4239]

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*At the Presentation **Doxology** (No. 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication, concluding with *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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn 145 **What Child Is This** GREENSLEEVES

*Benediction and Choral Benediction **While We Are Waiting, Come** (Hymn 92)

*Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.