

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The candle of Peace will be lit by Isaac and Madelynne Brooks

The prayer of St. Francis asks God to help us to be peacemakers. Please pray this prayer together.

ALL:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; and where there is darkness, light. Grant that we may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen!

INTROIT

The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us (from Psalm 126)
Cameron Carpenter, Emily Evans, Ashley Phillips, soloists

M. Guimont

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Luke 1:68-79)

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

People: For God has looked favorably on us and redeemed us.

Leader: God has raised up a mighty Savior for us in the house of David,

People: As God has spoken through the mouth of the prophets from of old.

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God,

People: The dawn from on high will break upon us,

Leader: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

People: To guide our feet into the way of peace.

*HYMN #8

Comfort, Comfort You My People
verses 1 and 3

PSALM 42

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord we confess to you today that we are not always preparing a way for you. We curve and twist where we should be straight. We follow our own paths instead of yours and we let ourselves become obstructions to the realization of your kingdom here on earth. Forgive us Lord for these and every transgression. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3rd grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, Isaiah 7:14, Luke 3:1-6

Joyce Wolf

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks Be to God.

MEDITATION

An Infant, A Man, Our Savior

Joyce Wolf

ANTHEM

To Us a Child is Born

Johann Kuhnau

*HYMN #4

Creator of the Stars of Night
verses 1 and 3

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Marshall-Moretz Dinner

Linda Adams

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN INSERT

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

REGENT SQUARE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Advent Doxology

R. G. Huff/RBY

*POSTLUDE

Venite Adoremus

English Melody

*Those who are able, please stand