

Service for the Lord's Day
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

Prelude

Greetings and News of the Church

Time of Preparation

Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace

*Call to Worship

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: Sing, and give praise to God's name;

All: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

Psalm 96:1,2

*Hymn #143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

The Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, thank you for the faithful testimony of John. He proclaimed clearly his role as the one sent to prepare the people for Jesus' arrival. Forgive us when we falter in testifying to our faith. Give us courage and wisdom to proclaim our faith in helpful ways. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Time of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

‡ Response #611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
(1st verse only)

Time with Young Disciples

Scripture Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Scripture Reading Luke 3:1-6

Sermon "Being Refined"

Hymn # 695 "Change My Heart, O God" (sung twice)

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Offertory/Offering

‡ Doxology #606

‡ Offertory Prayer

Holy God, we humbly bring our gifts, knowing that we cannot possibly give enough to convey our gratitude to you. Bless these gifts to benefit others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1, 2, 6, 7)

Charge/Benediction

‡ *Please stand, if able*

- "Amen" sung after first and last hymn

We are pleased to WELCOME those visiting with us today, and hope you will return and worship with us again.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

We invite you to warmly greet one another, and particularly any guests and visitors

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Pastor—Rev. Ted Mattie

Worship Associate—Jane Apps

Organist/Pianist—Skyler Fennell

Advent Candle Lighter— Ruth and Ted Baca and family

THIS WEEK

Today 10:00 am Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant
11:00 am Session
Tuesday Office Closed
Wednesday 6:00 pm Bible Study, Matthew
Next Sunday 9:00 am Worship (Christmas Pageant)

Happy birthday this week to Laurie Chan Anderson (Monday, December 10), Beth Cadol (Wednesday, December 12), and Bonner Oates (Saturday, December 15)!

Thank you and congratulations to the new church officers who were elected at last Sunday's congregational meeting. Joining the Board of Deacons will be Beth Cadol and Betsy Smith. Ted Baca and Dianne Tappe will join the Session.

NEXT SUNDAY! Join us for our traditional Christmas Pageant featuring the children (and some adults) of our congregation during worship. It is always a fun event! Talk to the cast during our monthly Coffee Hour after worship.

Casey Haynes invites his church family to join him and others in a concert at 2:00 today in the Macey Music Annex. It features the Chamber Orchestra, soloists, the Jazz Ensemble, and children from the music outreach program.

Join us for our festive Christmas Eve candle lighting service on Monday, December 24th, at 5:30 PM

Last week's attendance: 43

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