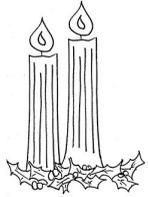


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Including Lighting of the Advent Candles

Theme: The Days Are Surely Coming: Unimaginable Peace



“The days are surely coming when all promises of the Holy One will be fulfilled.” Jeremiah 33:14

GATHERING

Prelude:

“Lo How A Rose”

Jason Payne

Call to Worship

Leader: Something stirs deep within us—a longing, a hope. . .

People: A thirst for joy, hunger for peace, a yearning for blessing.

Leader: We know deep within our hopes and fears.

People: We trust they will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.

Leader: It is Advent!

People: Season of waiting, hoping, and yearning.

Leader: Advent!

People: A time to wait eagerly with hope.

*Hymn: #93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

*Prayer of the Day and Confession

God of All Seasons, You work in mysterious ways through unlikely people. We marvel at what was done through the lives of Rahab and Elizabeth. In all the ways we put aside and judge those we deem unworthy, show us that nothing stops You from bringing about the fulfillment of your will. And so we say, “Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.” In your Kingdom, O Lord, you bring your people safety and comfort. And so you did for Rahab and Elizabeth. Likewise, we

pray for those who deal with uncertainty and fear, the sick and the suffering, and those in distress of any kind that you would rescue. We pray that You heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer. AMEN

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Christ, the Light of the World, is our light. By grace this light has come into the world and continues to come.

The Faith We Sing—As we move throughout this service, share the selections you wish to sing. Advent and Christmas hymns are located between pages 82 and 156 in our Glory to God Hymnal.

Two Hymn Requests welcomed: _____

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Scripture: Joshua 2:1, Joshua 6:22-25, Hebrews 11:31, James 2:25, Matthew 1:5

Two Hymn Requests welcomed: _____

Scripture: Luke 1:5-24 (*selected verses*)

Sermon Series:

**The Women of Advent
“Unsuspecting Mothers”**

Two Hymn Requests welcomed: _____

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Abundant Gifts, may our simple gifts transform our own hearts, uphold the outreach of our churches, and bless the communities around us hungry for good news. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" (Tune: All Glory Laud and Honor)

Charge and Benediction:

Leader: Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

People: Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

Leader: And what I say to you I say to all: "Keep awake."

Silent Prayer (*be seated*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. AMEN

Postlude: "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Robert Lau
(Please remain seated)

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

The Prayer Family this week is: Michael, Kelly, Owen & Nora Hartmann

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