

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6, 2020

## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. C. Callahan  
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

### Welcome and Announcements

\*Opening #154 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" *Latin Hymn*

### \*Call to Worship

We have heard the story of Jesus Christ with joy and anticipation.

**We have come to worship.**

We open our hearts to prepare room for his coming.

**We have come to worship.**

We open our ears to hear the choirs of angels proclaim peace and good will at his holy birth.

**We have come to worship.**

We open our lives to his plans for us as the people of God.

**We have come to worship.**

Through the grace of God's Holy Spirit,

**We have come to worship Christ, the King.**

Song #232 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *Picardy*

\*Advent Candle Lighting PEACE: On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of HOPE and were reminded to put our hope in God's promises of a peaceful kingdom [Light first candle.] This morning we light the candle of PEACE. We wait for God's promises of peace on earth and good will to all. We pray that God's peace would break through our restless hearts and lead us to Bethlehem, where we can celebrate our Savior's birth. We light this candle of peace [Light second candle.].

### \*Invocational Prayer

Songs of Faith # "Come, Thou Almighty King"

## WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 40:1-11

A Reading from the Psalter

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.**

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.**

A Reading from the Apostles

2 Peter 3:8-15a

\*A Reading from the Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

Responsorial #174

"Prepare the Way"

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Children's Message (Children dismissed to Junior Church)

Invitation to the Offering, Prayer of Dedication, and Offertory  
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

The Message

"Comfort You! Comfort You! People of God"

The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE OF THE LORD

**Invitation to the Lord's Table** – We practice *open communion*. We invite all persons to partake this memorial meal who profess faith in Jesus Christ. You do not need to be a member of this church to partake of the bread and cup. Please hold each gift until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

**Holy Communion: The Lord's Supper** –

**Breaking of Bread** – *The Body of Christ; The Bread of Heaven*

**Passing of the Cup** – *The Blood of Christ; The Cup of Salvation*

**Communion #181** “Of the Father's Love Begotten”

**The Agape Fund - The Collection for the Saints and the Needy**

### RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

**\*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song

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**Song #** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

**\*Benediction #**

**\*Postlude** “Postlude on Picardy” arr. A. Zabel  
Kay Wildman, Church Organist

\*Please stand if able

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” John 14:27



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