GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able

Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE

Mary Did You Know?

Mark Lowry and Buddy Green

Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niguette, piano

Arr. Don Wyrtzen

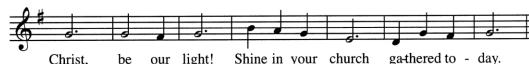
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

Christ, Be Our Light!



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Walt Pettit, Wyatt Johnson from the choir

"Prepare the way of the Lord."

A choir sings in the silence, "Come, Emmanuel."

Every valley shall be filled. Every heart shall be made whole.

For peace is stronger than turmoil, and love is louder than hate.

As we light our second Advent candle.

we pray for the holy peace of God.

Come now, O Child of Mary.

Come now, O Prince of peace.

* HYMN

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

No. 1

CALL TO PRAYER & PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated)

Elder

Our spirits are like new grass:

Ps. 90:5-6

at the dawn they spring up fresh, but by sunset they dry up and wither...

Let us confess our frailty before our merciful God.

We seek to serve you, O Lord, with glad and generous hearts.

Forgive us when our hearts are hardened

and move us to trust the depth of your promise.

We seek to live as baptized people, repenting, and sharing your grace.

Forgive us when we fall into selfish ways,

and move us to know the goodness of your call.

Have mercy on us, O God.

By your grace, cleanse us.

By your providence, help us to learn from our mistakes.

By your Holy Spirit, equip us to love and honor you.

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Laura Sugg

Amen. Every valley is lifted up; every mountain made low.

Now the glory of the Lord is revealed,

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

but the word of the Lord stands forever.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HEARING THE WORD Psalm 126

PSALM READING

Pg. 584

Heaven and earth will pass away.

Deacon Isaiah 40:8. Mark 13:31

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Richard Shepherd

Wyatt Johnson, conducting

poem: G. Weissel

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-6

Pg. 56

TIME FOR CHILDREN (As the children come forward, please join in singing.)

This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song. Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.

SERMON

Preparing for Peace

Laura Sugg

Elder

No. 9

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

O Come. O Come. Emmanuel

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand)

Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

The Apostles' Creed (traditional)

* HYMN

Front of Hymnal Pg. 16

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This? Greensleeves, traditional English melody

Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, piano

Arr. James Mansfield

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Tune: No. 23

Let the nations shout and sing: glory to their Savior bring;

All below and all above sing your praise with joyous love. Glo—ria in excelsis Deo. Glo—ria in excelsis Deo.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Laura Sugg

* HYMN O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? No. 11

- * CHARGE & BENEDICTION
- * SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *He Came Down*He came down that we may have PEACE (sing this line 3 times)
 hallelujah forevermore.

POSTLUDE Adeste Fidelis John Francis Wade Organ/Piano Duet, Betty Niquette, piano Arr. Don Wyrtzen

Please come through to Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

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Greeter: Jeff Stimson

Ushers: Betsy Smith & Jeff Stimson

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WPC Mission Statement
To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer.

Peace

Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018