



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday in Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP-

Liturgist: John Lange

Leader: We gather in preparation

People: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

Leader: We gather in expectation

People: for joy is about to explode in our midst.

Leader: We gather in celebration

**People: for we are those people who have said
yes to the manger,
yes to love enfleshed,
yes to the one incarnate for others,
yes to the wholeness of God.**

Leader: With preparation and in expectation, let us celebrate!

*HYMN #167

*1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.*

*2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.*

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #131

*1 "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, at last!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.*

*4 At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"*

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying

*"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The Bridegroom comes: Awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia! Prepare yourselves To meet the Lord,
Whose light has stirred the waiting guard.*

2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and in her heart new joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious
the strong in grace, in truth victorious.

Her star is risen, her light is come!
O, come, you Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna! We go until the halls we view
Where you have bid us dine with you.

3 Now let all, the heavens adore you,
And saints and angels sing before you.
The harps and cymbals' all unite.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
we gather round your radiant throne.

No eye has seen that light,
No eye has seen, no ear has yet been trained
To hear what joy is ours!
Crescendos rise: your halls resound:
hosannas blend in cosmic sound

GUIDED PRAYER

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 37 & 40

Leader: How did Christ, the Son of God, become human?

People: Christ the Son of God became human by taking a true body and a reasoning soul. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary out of her substance and was born of her, but he was sinless.

Leader: Why did the mediator have to be God and human in one person?

People: The mediator, who was to reconcile God and humanity, had to be himself both God and human and in one person to make the works appropriate to each nature acceptable to God on our behalf and counted on by us as the works of the whole person.

LIGHTING OF SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

ANTHEM

"Once Again My Heart Rejoices"

Lani Smith

WORSHIPING GOD WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology– Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE:

John 1: 1-5

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON:

"The Wonder of the Incarnation"
Incarnatio

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God." — John 1:1*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Words of Introduction, Invitation, Institution
Partaking of the Communion Elements
Closing**

***CLOSING HYMN #135**

*1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.*

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne..*

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**