

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading

Introit

*Call to Worship

ONE: Gather around, you are welcome here, and you will hear Good News.

ALL: We live in a world where there are so many discouraging and negative voices.

ONE: This morning we will lift up our voices in praise, we worship the God of encouragement who will speak to us today.

ALL: The God of Jesus Christ!

ONE: So come, let us relax, let your tiredness roll away. This morning we worship Him in song and praise!

ALL: We will lift up our hearts, and listen.

*Hymn of Praise

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Pilgrim Hymnal # 103

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (Unison Reading)

Holy God, we long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the challenge of your dream of wholeness for all. In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 85:8-13 (NLT)

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:1-4 (NLT)

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

Honoring the Saints

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

*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.

*Offertory Prayer

Sermon

Rev. William Kren

“A Season of Revelation”

Hymn of Preparation:

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Pilgrim Hymnal # 254

Service of Communion

Uniting in Covenant

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

*Hymn of Going Forth

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Pilgrim Hymnal # 128

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Emmanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

His name is called Emmanuel;

God with us, revealed in us;

His name is called Emmanuel.

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.