

December 4, 2022, 11am  
Second Sunday in Advent

Prelude ~ *Good King Wenceslaus* ~ Steven Otis

Good Morning Saints

Announcements

Choral introit

God is Good

**Everyday**

And Everyday

**God is Good**

Call to Worship

Christmas comes, but not yet.  
Before we celebrate, let us wait.  
Taking time to remember who is coming,  
Time to prepare our lives,  
Time to look outward in love:  
Christmas waits to come.  
Gently count the days;  
Time to wait and walk with God,  
Time to fill with praise.

*Light One Candle* ~ Natalie Sleeth

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope.  
He brings hope to every heart. He comes! He Comes!

Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace.  
He brings peace to ev'ry heart. He comes! He comes!

Lighting Advent Candle ~ Dave and Kay Shults

Over a hundred people, from the ages of two to eighty years old, were asked the question, "What are you afraid of?" From the voices of different generations, hear their answers:  
Not being enough.  
Not making enough of a difference.  
Falling down.  
That we will forget we belong to one another.  
Climate change.  
My child having to learn gun violence drills at school.  
Spiders.  
Not having someone to take care of me; not having someone who knows my stories.  
My mental health slipping.

Ending up alone.  
Nightmares.  
Stopping short of following God all the way.

Today we light the candle of peace, because we so desperately need God's peace in the midst of all we fear.

May this light be a reminder that Christ is coming. God was with generations before, God is with us today, and God will be with us tomorrow. Even now, God is on the way. Amen.

Opening Hymn ~ *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ~ No. 133

O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him,  
born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

True God from true God,  
Light from light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
very God, begotten, not created!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels;  
sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all  
glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

**O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up your power within us,  
that in this time we may await with abundant expectation  
the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation,  
for you live and reign among us,  
Maker, Savior, and Giver of Life,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's time

Presentation of Offering (*Loose offerings on Communion Sunday support the Deacons' missions*)

Doxology ~ No. 606

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

**Listen to the word that God has spoken;  
listen to the One who is close at hand;  
listen to the voice that began creation;  
listen even if you don't understand.**

Scripture Readings

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Matthew 3:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Word of God  
**The Word of Life**

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn ~ *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* ~ No. 757 (verses 1 and 4)

Today we all are called to be  
disciples of the Lord,  
to help to set the captive free,  
make plowshare out of sword,  
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,  
make love and peace our fast,  
to serve the poor and homeless first,  
our ease and comfort last.

May we in service to our God  
act out the living word,  
and walk the road the saints have trod  
till all have seen and heard.  
As stewards of the earth may we  
give thanks in one accord  
to God who calls us all to be  
disciples of the Lord.

The Lord's Table

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right and our great delight to praise you, O God.

In the beginning of time, you called forth life. You formed us in your image, inviting us to love and serve you.

Foolishly we turned from you and abandoned your ways of justice and mercy. Yet you did not reject us, but continued to call us and claim us as your own.

We were slaves in Egypt, and you freed us.

We were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness,  
and you nourished us with manna and water from the rock.

We had no home, and you led us into the land of your promise.

We worshiped idols of our own making,  
and you called to us through the prophets to turn back to you.

At last you come to us in Jesus with the invitation, "Follow me."

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with choirs of angels

and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

You are holy, O God of power and might,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, the one who comes in your name.

In his life, he called unlikely people to follow him: And now he invites us, "Follow me."

As we respond to his invitation let us pray as he taught.

**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.**

Sharing Bread and Cup

Blessing

Choral Benediction

Postlude ~ *Joy to the World* ~ Franklin Ritter

Coffee Hour

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Prayer List

Margaret Quigley	Emily Kennedy	Matt Isenberg
Barbara & Chuck Compher	Martin Hatch	Craig Polson
David Cross	Colt Matz	Chase Ewoldt
Stacey MacRae	Diane Trippany	Avrie Sinesiou
Joseph Kwiatkowski	Alyssa Daly and Family	Gretchen Randon
Dale Isenberg	Punkie Sinesiou	Renee Ensell

*\*\*Please let the office know who can be removed and who needs to be added.  
Thank you for your help! \*\**

Happy Anniversary to:  
9 ~ Louie & Lynn McClure

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF 12/4/22

- Sunday – Dec. 4                      9:35am Adult Discussion  
   11am Worship  
   Noon First Sunday Potluck Lunch
  
- Monday - Dec. 5                      5pm Session Meeting
  
- Tuesday - Dec. 6                      6:30pm Scouts
  
- Thursday - Dec. 7                      5:30pm Bring Your Own Dinner  
   6:30pm Vespers  
   6:45 Scouts  
   7pm Choir  
   7pm Bible Study
  
- Friday - Dec. 9                      10am Coffee and Conversation  
   at North Union Tim Hortons  
   7:30pm Fish Club
  
- Sunday – Dec. 11                      9:35am Adult Discussion  
   11am Worship  
   Noon Deacons Meeting

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