

**Order of the Worship Service
Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024, 10:00am
Dedication Sunday and Holy Communion
Rev. John Welton, preaching**

Prelude

Choral Prelude

Rejoice, I Say Rejoice!
Sanctuary Choir, Tom Kyser, director

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Welcome and Church Life

*Call to Worship

One: In this season of expectation

All: we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.

One: Into the bustle of our lives and the hard to find moments of solitude

All: we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.

One: Into our hearts, and those often hidden parts of our lives

All: we prepare to welcome Christ Jesus, Messiah.

*Opening Hymn 9

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God,

we praise you for sending light into this world.

We confess that we live as though

the light had never defeated darkness.

We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent

to be among us and to live in us.

We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season

and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.

Amen

Moments of Silence

Assurance of Pardon

One: Even the darkness is not dark to God,
and the night is as bright as the day

**All: The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us
has come to us in Jesus Christ. Thanks Be to God. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Moment for Children

Gracie Goldman

Giving of our Tithes & Offerings (come to the front to give offering and dedicate our pledge)

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-6; Matthew 1:1-17

Sermon

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Communion Hymn 5

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Holy Communion

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Words of Institution

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.**

Prayer after Communion

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn 48

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Blessing