

The Prophet Declares a Child Will Be Born Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 OT p. 600
The Evergreens (*Hang wreaths and swag*)
Song (*seated*) Isn't He? Songbook #126

The Prophet Foretells the Suffering of Jesus Isaiah 53:1-6 OT No. 642
Holly and Ivy (*bring forward Holly and Ivy*)
Song (*seated*) It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (*stanza 1*) Red Hymnal #218

The Mystery of the Incarnation John 1:1-5, 9-14 NT No. 86
The Light of Christmas
Song (*seated*) Emmanuel Songbook #44

(Children grades 4th and 5th are dismissed to sing with the Children's Singing Troupe.)

The Gifts of Christmas

Presentation of the Offering

The Offering and Stewardship Pledges for 2019 (*You are invited to bring your pledge cards forward to the altar, or mail to the church office.*)

Offertory Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Bethany K. Smith

***Response** Doxology sung to the tune of "What Child Is This"
*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**

***Song** O Come, O Come Emmanuel (*stanzas 1-4*) Red Hymnal #211

***Carrying Out the Light**

***Benediction**

***Going Forth** Tidings of Comfort and Joy Lloyd Larsen

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Second Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens and Pledge Commitment Sunday

9 a.m. Celebration Service

You are encouraged to use the time of music being played in the Centering to quietly prepare yourself for worship. We request that you silence your cell phone.

Centering for Worship

Adore Him

Arr. John Cumberland

Welcome

Rev. Cynthia E. Skripak

Please refer to the announcements in the bulletin. Please take a moment to sign the welcome card in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Gathering Words

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Responsive Reading

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the son of God?

People: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

Leader: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

All: Glory to God in the highest!

*Praise Song

Almighty

Songbook #6

Advent Candlelighting *(seated)*

Leader: In a world of war, violence and abuse, where families live in shelters and children grow up in fear, God, we call upon you to come.

People: In a world where peace seems to be so far away, we call upon you, Prince of Peace, to come.

Leader: In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of Peace into our world. We await the birth of Emmanuel, God with us, who comes into our lives in a new way.

People: Come, Messiah, Come, and Save Us.

Leader: Dear God, we pray for the peace that only You can bring through your Son, Jesus the Christ. May we walk in your paths as we light the candle of peace.

All: Amen.

(Light two purple candles)

Candlelighting Song Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *(stanza 1)* Hymnal #196

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.

Opening Prayer *(in unison)*

Come, Lord Jesus. Come quickly into our lives and into our hearts. Renew us with your spirit. Where there is hatred, heal it with your love. Where there is discord, calm us with your peace. Where there is sin, cover us with your grace. Where there is despair, strengthen us with your hope. Gather us into your midst, that we may be your people. Let the decorations of the church remind us of your message of hope this Advent season. Amen.

Children's Moments

(Children are invited to come forward)

Lord's Prayer

Red Hymnal #895

(Following the Lord's Prayer, children age Preschool through 3rd grade are dismissed to go with their teachers to Sunday School)

***Passing the Peace** *Please greet each other by saying "Peace be with you."*

Song

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Red Hymnal #431

(During the song, children grades 4th and 5th are dismissed to sing with the Children's Singing Troupe.)

Sharing the Faith and Prayer

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

Introduction

The Spirit of the Lord Shall Rest on Him

Isaiah 11:1-10 OT p. 602

The Jesse Tree *(bring forward ornaments to decorate the tree)*

Song *(seated)*

All Hail, King Jesus

Songbook #4