

Bulletin Information
December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude

Lighting the Candles and Ringing the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:

One: John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance;
he preaches to us still.

All: **Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.**

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn *While We Are Waiting, Come* (verse 1) (screen)

*Lighting of the Advent Candle

One: Let us pray.

All: **Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the Hope and Peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of Hope. Teach us the Peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by You, that we may walk in the light of Christ. In the name of the Savior we pray. Amen**

*Hymn *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* PH-15

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us...

(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)

...for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Words of Peace

*Congregational Response *Glory Be to the Father* PH #579

We Listen For God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

First Gospel Reading

Luke 1:68-79

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:1-6

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Time to Change

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

PH-516

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right...

Words of Institution

We Share the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

*Congregational Response

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten, of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate in the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken

through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We Leave to Serve God

*Hymn	<i>Prepare the Way</i>	PH-13
*Charge and Benediction		
*Congregational Response	<i>While We Are Waiting, Come</i>	(screen
Postlude		

Sermon Text for next Sunday: Luke 3:7-18