

Love God Love Others Make Disciples

Service of Worship Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021, 11:00 am

Please note the following details concerning the bulletin format: When you see **bold italics**, **we all read aloud together**. An * invites those who are able to stand.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Meditation on "Divinum Mysterium"

James Southbridge

GATHERING PRAYER

Barbara Lane

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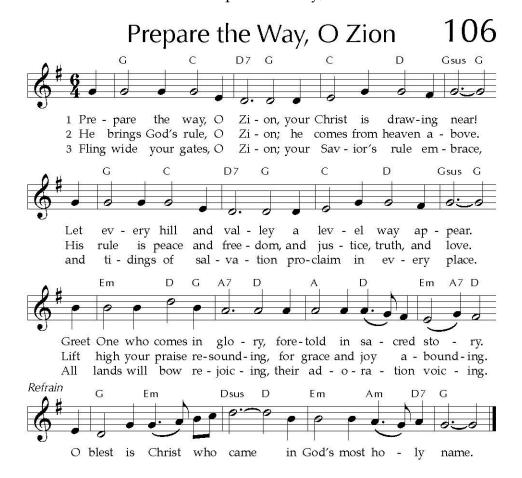
CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is coming to his temple.

We watch and wait for his coming. Prepare the way of the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring. For he shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth his righteousness.



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, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family, I am confident of this: if we repent, God is sure to forgive us. The one who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Grateful for the promise of joy and peace, let us bring peace to one another.

Alleluia, AMEN!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Trinity Gibson

Annelise Lugo, cello

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

O Come, O come thou dayspring come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here, and drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light!

Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to Thee O Israel.

O Come, desire of nations bind all people in on heart and mind; Bid envy strife and quarrels cease, and fill the world with Heaven's peace.

O rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to Thee, O Israel.

O come, O come.

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:68-79

SERMON

"Prepare the Way"

Rev. Collin Adams

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"Gloria Patri"

Hymn 581

SERVICE MUSIC Glory Be to the Father 581 Glo ry be to the Fa - ther, the 1y Ghost; as it was in Son, and to the Но is shall gin - ning, now, and be, with - out end. world men, men. 8

MISSION MOMENT

Eddie Eldredge

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offerings of our lives. Purify them with your refining fire so that they may serve your purposes and shine with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*HYMN 132

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

IESUS CHRIST: BIRTH Good Christian Friends, Rejoice 1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice; 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice; 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice; Je - sus Christ is give ye heed to what we say: born to-day; Je - sus Christ was born for this! now ye hear of end-less bliss: now ye need not fear the grave: - sus Christ was born and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now. has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er-more. Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last-ing hall. Christ is born to day! Christ is born to day! Christ was born for this! Christ was born this! Christ was born save! Christ was born save!

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

"The Light That Shines in Darkness"

Gerald Peterson

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