

A Time of Worship & Praise

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

***Processional:** *Angels From the Realms of Glory* 220
(vv. 1, 3, 4)

Call to Worship

In the darkness there is a light.

In the wilderness there is a voice.

Your love, O God, leads us to you.

Your wisdom leads us to life.

Gracious God, be our guiding star.

Be our rising dawn.

that we may worship and serve in love.

Opening Prayer

God of grace and mercy, you prepare a way to come into this world, many ways that we do not see. Prepare a way to enter our hearts now. In word and silence, in song and prayer and meal, make your way into our hearts and make within us and among us a new heaven and earth, in the Spirit and the Body of Christ.

Amen.

Special Music: *Chancel Choir*

Dave Fog, director
Kelley Fog, accompanist

Kids Minute

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Isaiah 40.1-11

Mark 1.1-8

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Message: *Get Ready*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Come to Christ's Table

Invitation

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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Offerings of the People

***Doxology**

(tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

***The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord's Prayer

895

Sharing the Bread & Cup

WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD

***Benediction**

***Hymn of Joy:** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

(vv. 1-3)

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The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight,'"

Mark 1.1-3

Worship Ends | Service Begins

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Announcements



NEXT WEEK – Christmas Program & Brunch!

Celebrate the season! Enjoy the ABCs of Christmas, plenty of Christmas music & Christmas Brunch. Wear your Christmas Sweaters (and get your picture taken if you wish!) It's time for Christmas fun & fellowship!

Adopt-A-Family Giving Tree

Please return your gifts UNWRAPPED by Dec 10. We have 7 families to care for this year. This mission makes a big difference for many area families!

Coming Up

- ◆ **Mon, Dec 4th:** Card Club, 12 pm (FLC); Horizons, 1:00 pm (FLC); Just for Kix
- ◆ **Tues, Dec 5th:** Card Club, 12 pm (FLC); Bible Study, 1:30 (Narthex)
- ◆ **Wed, Dec 6th:** Coffee Time, 3 pm (Narthex); JAM, 5:30 pm – All Ages!
- ◆ **Thurs, Dec 7th:** Horizons, 1:00 pm (FLC)
- ◆ **Friday, Dec 8th:** Hope Haven, 12:30 pm
- ◆ **Sunday, Dec 10:** Christmas Program, 10 am, (FLC), Brunch 11 am (FLC), Hospice Blue Christmas, 5 pm

Today's Worship Stewards

Music: Kelley Fog
Liturgist: Sarah Fredrick
AV: Kogel Family
Livestream: Paxton Duhn
Candlelighters: Shirk Family
Offering Counters: Cal Christensen Karen Sargent
Communion: Kathy Heng, Mary Lou Morrison, Kari Anderson

Next Week

Rosemary Matthews
Michelle Kogel
Anderson Family
Paxton Duhn
Rouse Family
Brian Garrels, Dean VerMulm

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10:00 AM