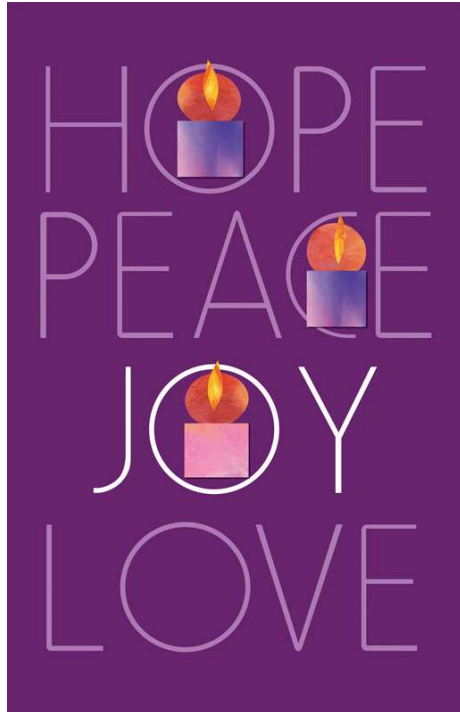




WELCOME TO WORSHIP
DECEMBER 9, 2018



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 am

10:30 am

12:00 noon

1:00 pm

Adult Bible Study

Family Worship Service

Fellowship Hour

Choir Practice

WORSHIP SERVICE

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Psalm 85:7-13)

Show us your unfailing love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Praise

Songs of Praise:

“Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes” (#60 vs. 1-3)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (#80 vs. 1-3)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (#88 vs. 1-4)

God's Greeting

Choral Anthem: *The Glory of Christmas: Jesus is Born This Holy Night*

Renewal

Confession (Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,

More than watchmen wait for the morning.

Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Hymn of Confession: “Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High” (#655 vs. 1-3)
Assurance of Pardon (Luke 1:67-79)

Then John’s father, Zechariah, was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave this prophecy:

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people. He has sent us a mighty Savior from the royal line of his servant David, just as he promised through his holy prophets long ago. Now we will be saved from our enemies and from all who hate us. He has been merciful to our ancestors by remembering his sacred covenant—the covenant he swore with an oath to our ancestor Abraham. We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live.

And about John he said:

And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High, because you will prepare the way for the Lord. You will tell his people how to find salvation through forgiveness of their sins. Because of God’s tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace.

Passing of the Peace

Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is our peace.

Let us pass the peace of Christ by saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.”

Response

Offering: General Fund

Offertory

***Offering Response:** “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending” (#876 vs. 3)

Word for Children & Dismissal for Kid’s Connection

Carol: “Silent Night! Holy Night” (#85 vs. 1 & 3)

Proclamation

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:15-40 (p. 373)

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Carmel’s Baals

Response of Faith: HC QA 94-96

***Hymn of Response:** “Blessed Be the God of Israel” (#67 vs. 1-3)

SENDING

***Sending & Benediction**

***Doxology** “Now Thank We All Our God” (#543 vs. 3)

Postlude

Preaching: Rev. Mark Hofman

Reader: Suzanne DiLillo

Pianist: Joan DeWindt

