

*We are a family in Christ worshipping in Spirit
and truth, growing together in God's grace,
and connecting the community with the gospel.*

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~ Advent Week 2~

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, and forget not all His benefits,
Who forgives iniquity and heals our diseases,**

Who redeems our lives from the pit,

Who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,

Who satisfies us with good so that our youth is renewed
like the eagle's.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
Bless His Holy Name!**

~ Adapted from Psalm 103

SONGS OF PRAISE *

I Will Sing of the Mercies

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing, I will sing.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever,
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

With my mouth, will I make known
Thy faithfulness, Thy faithfulness
With my mouth, will I make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.

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** Stand as you are able*

Bold Print – speak together in unison

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

To us a child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of Heav'n.

Refrain

His pow'r, increasing, still shall spread,
His reign no end shall know,
Justice shall guard His throne above,
And peace abound below.

His Name shall be the Prince of Peace,
Forevermore adorned,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The great and mighty Lord.

To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The mighty Lord of Heav'n.

Text: John Morrison, 1781 Music: Bruce Benedict, 2009

INVOCATION *

CONFESSION OF SIN

Incarnate God, you came to rid us of our slavery to sin
and grant us an eternal inheritance.

**We confess that we often live as misers
instead of heirs of the King.
Often, we ignore the needy,
show indifference to the lonely,
and reject those who seem different from us.**

Hear our prayer and grant us mercy, O Lord.

**Forgive us for having eyes only
for our present circumstances,
instead of living with confidence in our sure hope.
Help uncurl our fingers,
which grasp so tightly to our time and treasure.
Teach us to use all we have
for your glory and service.
Make us into vehicles of blessing.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Isaiah 40:1-2
Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak
tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is
ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has
received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *

Who is Jesus Christ?

**He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.
By him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities.**

What has Christ done?

**All things were created through him and for him.
He is before all things, and in him all things hold
together. He is the head of the body, the Church.
He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.**

**In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

Why should we follow Christ?

**He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact
imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe
by the word of his power. After making purification for
sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on
high, having become as much superior to angels as the
name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

-Adapted from Colossians 1:15-20 & Hebrews 1:1-4

CHILDREN'S SERMON

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*For parents who are interested in nursery care
Children 3 and under
may be brought to the nursery at this time.
Please plan to pick your child up after the sermon.*

CHOIR

Glad Tidings of Joy

PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION *

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Hymn 194

SCRIPTURE READING *

Ruth 1:1-22

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Naomi - The Empty” Pastor Ian Hard

HYMN OF RESPONSE *

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

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COMMUNION

*Wine is in the inner rings of the tray
in purple colored cups.*

*Juice is in the outer ring of the tray
in clear cups.*

HYMN OF SENDING *

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! Hymn 498

BENEDICTION *