

The 2nd Sunday in Advent

December 5, 2021



The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." Luke 3:4b

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Divine Service Setting 2

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hymn of the Season # 347 - Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Confession & Absolution Page 167

Introit

Kyrie (*Gloria In Excelsis is omitted in Advent*) Page 168

Salutation and Collect Page 172

Old Testament Reading

Gradual

Epistle Reading

Alleluia and Verse Page 173

Holy Gospel

Sermon

Hymn # 345 – Hark A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Apostles' Creed Page 175

Prayer of the Church

Benediction Page 183

Hymn # 344 – On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

AS WE GATHER

Preparing for Christmas, we buy presents, attend social gatherings, decorate, make plans to gather with family, and some will brace for the pain of grief that can be so difficult this time of year. In the middle of all our preparing, today the voice of John the Baptist rings out, "Prepare the way of the Lord." Undergirding all the preparing we are doing is preparing for the Lord. John calls us to "bear fruits in keeping with repentance." In worship, we do just that. We repent. We turn again to God, seeking His mercy, receiving His forgiveness, partaking of His grace. This leads to bearing the fruit of the Spirit. John highlights the fruit of generosity and contentment. What fruit is God calling you to bear as you prepare for Christmas?

Announcements

Coming Up:

All Bible classes are on hold until after Christmas

Tue.	Dec 7	7:00 pm	Ladies Group Meeting
Wed	Dec 8	7:00 pm	Advent Service (Streamed)
Sun.	Dec 12	11:00 am	Sunday Service (Streamed)

Pastor is available for family and individual communion by appointment. Regular office hours are Mon and Wed 9-5.

Thanks to:

Dorothy for leading us in music.

Our elders for assisting in the service.

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**Light one candle for Hope
Light one candle for Peace
He Brings Peace to Every Heart.
He Comes, He Comes
Every Nation will Find Salvation
in Bethlehem's Baby Boy**