

Celebration of Worship

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

Thought for Reflection

“Through Him, bring us hope, bring us joy, bring us healing and wholeness, bring us a sure refuge in the darkness as we await for something new to be born in us, something small and bright, a tiny flame that will carry us into the future. In the name of that light which surely came to save us, even Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Montgomery

At God’s Invitation We Gather

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE *Come Thou Jesus, Down from Heaven Above* Bach

OPENING SENTENCES

INTROIT *The First Noel* arr. Sherman
Praise Ringers

READING *Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19* p. 464

* *Please stand, if you are able*

* ADVENT HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* # 1

God Speaks to Us through the Word

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE The Downs/Rogers Family

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message A Mixed-up Message

Prayer

(Children in PreK through 2nd Grade are dismissed for Praise & Play.)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 11:1-10* p. 558

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 24:26-27* p. 861

MEDITATION *The Miracle of the Message:
God Speaks an Unchanging Message*
Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. De Vuyst

TELLING GOD THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

BEING FORGIVEN AND BEGINNING ANEW

* HYMN *Of the Father’s Love Begotten* # 309

We Respond as God’s People

BRINGING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *The Colors of Winter* Martin

Chancel Choir; Chris Hall, cello

Green is the holly, and white is the snow.
The colors of winter surround us with hope.
The red of the berry, the silver and gold
Remind us of Jesus, who was born long ago.

Green is for new life with joy shining bright.
Love’s heart, pure and holy, is perfect and white.
The red of the berry reminds us of grace.
The silver and gold are our offerings of praise.

The colors of worship are wondrous displays;
Bringing great beauty to seasons of faith.
So let us be grateful and shine in the night
With colors of peace and the gospel of light.

Green is the holly; white is the snow;
Remind us of Jesus, who was born long ago.

* SUNG RESPONSE # 428 – Verse 1

We give Thee but Thine own, whate’re the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

God Sends Us Out to Serve

* CLOSING HYMN *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming* # 48

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Allegro* Vivaldi