

First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta
December 6, 2020 Order for Worship
2nd Sunday of Advent

When You Arrive...

Those gathering in the Sanctuary: Please arrive in time to allow the ushers to seat you. When you are seated, look up to the front screen for important information and instructions. *For the safety of everyone worshiping together, please wear your mask for the entirety of the service.*

Those gathering in the parking lot: Pull into our lot at 10am and tune in to 89.5 FM to hear the live broadcast of our worship service. Please participate in all our liturgy and prayers by downloading the weekly worship bulletin!

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Leader: Last Sunday, we began the season of Advent by lighting the Hope Candle and proclaiming that Christ alone is our hope.

People: Christ's hope is a light that shines through the darkness, and nothing can overtake it.

Leader: On this second Sunday of Advent, we embrace the peace Jesus gives us with God and one another.

People: In Christ, we are reconciled to God and given an opportunity to restore our broken relationships.

Leader: Our hope is in Jesus Christ, and our peace is found in him. We light this candle today to remind us that he brings peace to all who trust in him. With confidence in peace that abounds, let us worship the Lord.

All: Praise Christ, from whom all blessings flow!

Gathering Music: Comfort, Comfort You My People – based on Isaiah 40:1-8

Announcements

Offertory

Call to the Offering

Offertory Music: He Shall Feed His Flock – from The Messiah by Handel

Prayer



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Prayer Concerns

Prayers of Confession and of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy...

People: Hear our Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

People: Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

People: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Leader: For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever,

All: Amen.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5

1 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. 5 Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Mark 1:1-8

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; 3 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" 4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Advent Series: A 2020 Advent

Sermon: Prepare the Way

Preparatory Music: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – 15th Century German Carol

Please use this time to prepare yourself for The Lord's Supper and silently reflect on what we know to be true about Jesus through the Nicene Creed printed below.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Invitation
The Lord's Supper
Prayer**

Benediction & Postlude

If worshiping in the sanctuary, please wait for an usher to dismiss you.